

# YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER: TERM 4

We hope you had a relaxing half term break. We can't believe 50% of the school year is now done!

Mrs Reid, Mrs Nicholls, Miss Edwards and Mrs Hancock are always here to help and answer any questions that you may have.

## Important Information

All children in Year 5 are free readers, which means that they can choose the books that they read. They are welcome to borrow a book from class or read one from home. They need to write in their home contact books when they read - we ask that parents check what has been written and sign against their child's reading. Children are rewarded for their home reading; 3 dojos for 5 or more reads and 1 dojo for 3 reads.

If you need to speak to the class teacher, please use the contact book in the first instance. These are checked daily.

Home time - Children with permission will be taken to the KS1 playground; please email the school office if you would like your child to do this.

We are in the process of confirming our year 5 sleepover at Chatham Dockyard. Dates will be confirmed shortly. The price has been confirmed as £40. A letter will follow with all the final details, outlining when it will be available to pay on Arbor. A payment plan is available if needed.

## What we will be learning

In English, we will be looking at 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare and 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner. We will be writing balanced arguments, poetry and newspaper reports. We will continue to build upon our grammar knowledge and aim to include this independently within our writing.

In Maths, we will be developing our fraction, decimal and percentages knowledge and then move onto area and perimeter. We finish the term looking at statistics.

Times tables underpin all the work that we do in maths, so continue to practise as much as you can on TTRS.

In term 4, we will continue to look at The Tudors in History, South America and oceans in Geography and evolution, fossils and electricity in Science. We also have some great lessons planned in Art, DT, Computing, French, RE, PSHE and music.

## Dates for your Diary

12<sup>th</sup> March - Staff Development Day.

19<sup>th</sup> March - Gharials class assembly

26<sup>th</sup> March - Orangutans class assembly

## Homework

Homework is handed out on a Friday and is due in on the following Wednesday.

If children need help with any of their homework, they can ask any of the year 5 team.

A homework club for those who need support is offered.

## PE

Outdoor P.E. will be on **Tuesday afternoons** and indoor P.E. will be on **Wednesday afternoon**, when it is year 5's turn to go **swimming**. Children need to come to school wearing their P.E. kits on both days. For swimming, you will need a swimming towel, swimming shorts/trunks/costume and it's highly recommended to have goggles. No bikinis are to be worn.

Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings taken out.