

Dear Parents / Carers,

06/09/21

I would like to wish you and the children a very warm welcome back from the Summer break and hope you all had an enjoyable time. I am happy to welcome you and your child to Year Five and look forward to teaching and supporting them this academic year.

Attached, and on the website, you will find the overview and the subjects that Year 5 are covering during the Autumn Term. The themed topic is 'The Rainforest'. This will form the basis for a variety of curricular links in English, Maths and Topic etc.

The children will have Swimming on **Mondays** this half term ( second week!), letters are coming out. PE/ GAMES will be on Fridays – please ensure kit is in **Monday** ( we do add things in through the week too), and check everything fits – especially footwear. Sports socks also needed, as wet grass means wet socks – never good! The following half term, to Christmas, PE will be gymnastics, indoors. Any kit needed, can be purchased through school – come and see Mrs Jones or myself!

As we settle in, English and Maths homework will be given out on Mondays/ Tuesdays and will be expected to be handed in on Thursday/ Fridays. Spellings will also be handed out on Mondays and tested on the Friday. Your support in helping your child learn these, as well as their times tables, is extremely important. Please encourage your child to start their homework sooner (the day given!) rather than later, as this gives us time to address any problems that may arise. Reading is more vital than ever, with them getting nearer to the top of the school, so reading 3 times will be closely monitored, and rewarded! Maths, through Times Tables Rockstars, is still encouraged, and we are looking to monitor and reward what they do in and out of school!

Also, in a new venture, Y5 will not be involved in the Christmas performances. Instead, Y5s will be learning and performing a topic related Play at the end of the Spring term, to perform at a special evening for parents and family – hopefully third time lucky, with COVID taking care of the last 2 years! Christmas is such a busy time for children, and parents, and with large numbers to fit into parts, this will ease the congestion. To keep them festive, the children will be involved in the Christmas church service to make up for it.

If you have anything to discuss with me, email or catch me on the playground as they leave, so we can resolve any worries or concerns they / you have. I look forward to another great year!!!

Best Wishes

Mr B