

# Year 5 Summer 1 Newsletter

We've had another jam-packed half term in Year 5 and I would like to thank you all for your continued support with everything we do in school. The Spring Fayre was a particular highlight and the children did so well getting donations, making things to sell and helping on our stall. We were so proud of how much money they managed to raise for school!

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Crapper to the Year 5 team when she joins us after her maternity leave. We will work closely together for the rest of the school year, alongside Mrs Hamilton who has enjoyed getting to know the children already last half term.

## Important Information

Day	Timings of day	
Monday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day
Tuesday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day Swimming in the afternoon. WE ANTICIPATE A 3.30PM ARRIVAL BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER SWIMMING
Wednesday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – morning Mrs Hamilton - afternoon PE day
Thursday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Crapper – all day
Friday	8.45am – 3.15pm	Mrs Bothma – all day

## Expectations

**Home Learning** - Although we don't have additional homework in books this year, the home learning in the learning log is vital. I check logs weekly and it is great to see how many more children are reading at home now with a combination of records of their class text and their reading for pleasure book. Please make sure children also access Bedrock at home once a week, practice the Year 5 and 6 spelling list and continue accessing Times Table Rockstars 3 times a week.

**PE** – This half term, one of our PE sessions is swimming on a Tuesday afternoon. Our pool slot is 2-2.45 so we anticipate an arrival back at school for approximately 3.30pm. We apologise for the inconvenience of this and we will be hurrying the children along as much as we can. Our other PE session has moved to Wednesday and will be tag rugby. Thank you for your support in encouraging the children to wear proper PE uniform.

**Communication** – I'm always very aware that I don't get the chance to speak to as many parents as I would like very regularly due to the children's increased independence with walking home. If there is ever anything you would like to discuss or if you have any concerns, please either catch me on the yard, send an email or give the office a call. I am always happy to have extra phone calls or meetings throughout the half term so we can work together to support the children.

## Ways to Help your Child

Read, read and read some more! We are having a huge push on reading for pleasure and we strongly believe that there will be a book/genre for every child. If your child is struggling to find reading material to engage them, let me know and we will help.

Joining the local library is a huge benefit for all children as it opens their possibilities when choosing books. I would highly recommend heading down and signing up if you haven't already as they also hold lots of fun activities throughout the year for children to engage with.

If you would like to practise spellings with your child, please refer to the Year 3 and 4 and the Year 5 and 6 words in the learning log. If they find some of the spellings easy, try asking them to put them into sentences as well. We will be continuing to develop the cursive script with a focus on the size of the letters being appropriate so please use the guide in the learning log to support this.

## What we will be learning this term

<b>English</b> <b>Our class text-</b> Mic drop: A high rise mystery (Sharna Jackson), Percy Jackson and the Lightening Thief, The Train to Impossible Places  <b>Additional texts:</b> The Indian in the cupboard, 5 children and It	<b>Maths Concepts covered-</b> This half term we will continue following White Rose Maths focusing in perimeter and area, statistics and shape.  <b>Time tables to practise-</b> children in Year 5 should be fluent with all times tables up to 12x12 so please continue to practise these at home.
<b>Other Curricular areas:</b> In History this half term we will be learning about the Anglo-Saxons and comparing the conflict with what the children learnt earlier in the year about the Vikings. We will continue to work towards our Picture This display in Art with a focus on the artist Bob Barker. The children have already completed amazing charcoal drawings and we will be exploring more of his techniques. We will also be creating clay sculptures. As part of our PSHE lessons during the summer term, the children will be working through the 'Changing Me' unit. The children will learn about puberty for boys and girls and conception. Parents have the right to withdraw their child from lesson 4: 'Conception' should they wish. A letter explaining how to do this will be sent with this newsletter.	

## Useful Websites

Website	Resources
<a href="http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a>	This is a great game for developing quick recall skills in Maths.
<a href="http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk">www.activelearnprimary.co.uk</a>	As previously, you can find additional books here. If you have any trouble logging on, please let me know.
<a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a>	Your child will have their login in their learning log.
<a href="https://app.bedrocklearning.org/">https://app.bedrocklearning.org/</a>	Your child will have their login in their learning log.
<a href="http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/">www.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/</a>	Free to register with additional books you can enjoy with your child.