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Spring 1

WELCOME TO Y5/6

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the Spring 1 term. Please refer to the whole school newsletter for dates and events.

NEW PE DAYS

Y5M Miss McCabe: Monday (all Y5) and Thursday

Y5/6B Miss Bailey: Tuesday

Y6C Mrs Clayton: Wednesday

Wider Learning for Autumn 2

This term, we will be focussing on Geography, Design Technology, RE, Computing, Music, Science and PSHE. Y5 will also be focussing on French.

In Geography, we are focussing our learning on South America, identifying human and physical features of Brazil, understanding land use and discussing what contributes to climate change.

In Science, our learning is focussed on forces. By the end of the term, the children will know the effects of air resistance, water resistance and friction. We will also be completing a range of investigations to develop our understanding of gravity and a range of forces.

English

In English, we are writing a persuasive travel brochure, using our geography as a base for our writing. We will be practising the skill of persuasion by convincing people to visit the local area.

Towards the end of the term, our focus will be on writing a formal letter. We will be identifying and applying the features of formality to a context.

Thank you for your support with our drive for school uniform and black school shoes or completely black trainers. If there is an issue about this or anything in school then please speak to one of us on the gate or email / telephone school and we will get back to you as we can.

ATTENDANCE

We want all of the children to continue their great progress. To do this they need to be in school. Attendance from last half term was:

Y5M = 95.3% Y5/6B = 92.48% Y6C = 92.52%

Our classes are aiming for 95% or more every week to get extra playtime and a letter on the reward chart. We know you can keep improving Y5 & 6!

HOMEWORK

Children are still expected to read 5 times a week and we encourage them to do so on week nights. Reading records and books are expected in every-day. If children do not read, they will be asked to complete 5 minutes reading at break time. Children will receive weekly spellings and maths homework. This will be uploaded to Seesaw on a Monday and is expected to be completed by a Friday.

Maths

During this half term, all children will build on their previous learning of the four operations via a weekly arithmetic test. Year 5 will also be looking at fractions to develop their understanding. In Year 6, we are focussing fractions, decimals and percentages.

Values and Behaviour

Year 5/6 have had a really positive return to school and we have been so pleased with how they have settled into the year. However, we are closely monitoring low level behaviour e.g. talking during work time, disrespecting others and completing tasks. If we have any concerns in these areas we will contact you at the end of the week.



Viewley Values

We try **our best**

We **listen**

We are **respectful**

We are **honest**

We are **kind and helpful**

