



Year 5 Newsletter

September 2023

Welcome to the first half-termly newsletter from Year 5 staff. We hope you had a great Summer and the children have enjoyed their first few weeks in Year 5 getting used to the routines.

As you know, Year 5 is a big leap into upper school and we are excited to take them on a journey, getting ready for Year 6!

It has been wonderful to start to get to know the children and we are looking forward to the rest of this half term with various exciting things planned.

This half term Year 5 will start swimming. All children will go to start with to get assessed. The National Curriculum states that all children should swim 25m by the end of Year 6. We assess them and if they can do that, we sadly won't be offering more swimming. This is due to the numbers of children we have to get to that level and the fact that we only get access to the pool for one afternoon. 5K this Thursday 14th, then 5B on the 21st then 5M on the 28th. We will let you know with plenty of warning after that if your child is in the first group to go swimming.

Homework:

Please read and record in the reading record every day if possible.

TT Rockstars 5 times a week – try to get your rock star status!

Please could you talk to your child about the Knowledge Organisers? – look at the vocabulary and discuss what they are doing in lessons



This term's learning:

English

Writing - Biographical writing based on The Man who walked between the Towers by Mordecai Gerstein

Reading - Practicing their comprehension skills using a range of books such as The Good Thieves by Katherine Rundell and Real Life Mysteries

Maths. Place Value, Addition and Subtractions

Science - Properties and changes in materials

History - Dynamic Dynasties

Geography - Investigating our world

French - Monster pets

Music - Musical theatre

Computing - Strategic searching online

PSHE - Being me in my world

Design & Technology - Architecture

Art - Tints, tones and shades

Games - Swimming, Football, Handball

PE - Dance and Gymnastics

RE- Ramadan

Notices

PE and Games

PE day is Thursday for Year 5. Please can the children come to school dressed in their PE kit (weather appropriate).

PE kit is:

- Royal Blue Shorts
- House colour polo shirt
- Plimsolls or Trainers - non-marking
- Plain Tracksuit

Swimming

For swimming, please come to school in swimmers underneath PE kit for ease of changing. Please provide a bag with underwear, towel, swimming hat and goggles

Art aprons

Ask your child about clubs being offered at school as these are being introduced slowly but surely as teachers settle back into routine!

Also – have you seen the Derbyshire letter? Please contact us at school if you have any questions or concerns about this!