

Year 5

Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back to Year 5

The new year has got off to a flying start and I'm delighted so many of the students are already focused with their learning and showing the maturity of being in year 5.

Spain

Our theme for this half term is Spain! As well as comparing Spain to the United Kingdom, we will be exploring Spanish culture and all that Spain is famous for: artists, fiestas, food are just a few highlights. We might even try flamenco dancing! We will be developing our researching skills to gain information from a variety of texts and selecting relevant facts from the internet.

Our English will 'run' through the theme and each week's learning will lead to a piece of creative writing which will also focus on the spelling, punctuation and grammar taught throughout the week.



Our class reading book- 'Toro! Toro!' by Michael Morpurgo- has been chosen for its Spanish theme. It is a narrative that covers moral and ethical decisions and is sure to create plenty of discussion!

In Maths, we will be focusing on our knowledge of place value to one million, using accurate written methods for addition and subtraction and interpreting graphs and timetables. We will be developing our reasoning and problem solving skills. Times Tables will be part of our daily routine.



Some important days to remember:

Monday	
Tuesday	Ice Skating
Wednesday	
Thursday	P.E Kit
Friday	Maths and English Homework

P.E. Kits: May I please remind you that children are expected to wear blue or black shorts and a plain white T-Shirt, along with trainers or plimsolls. Blue or black track suits may also be worn during the colder weather.

Home/School Diaries

All information regarding Homework and other notes will be recorded in your child's Home/school diaries. I will check diaries regularly; this is a good way to communicate with me, particularly if you don't pick your child up at the end of the day.



Reading

It is essential that children continue to read at home with the expectation of reading one book approximately every two weeks. Time is allocated within each school day for children to read independently and to spend time enjoying a book.

Challenge: Children who read at least 3 times a week and have their diaries signed will receive a sticker on our Champions' League Reading Challenge. **Who will be our most dedicated readers of the term?**

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child this term and throughout the year.

Please feel free to come in and speak to us if you have any concerns.

Class Teachers

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Headteacher

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