

# Year 5

## Summer 1 Newsletter

### Welcome back!

I hope you all had a good break. I was really impressed by the hard work both in and outside of school by many year 5 children last term and I'm sure that determination to succeed is set to continue this term.

The expectation for this half term is for growth in working independently with a positive mindset. The children will be conducting historical research in order to answer this term's key question:

### Was life really better in...



We will be looking at changes in our country and city over the past 200 years in order to make comparisons and use our English skills to write information texts and a narrative based on 2019 and a previous era.



In science we will look at 'Forces' and develop our knowledge of gravity, air resistance, friction, levers, gears and pulleys.

Maths lessons will use our knowledge of fractions to explore decimals and percentages. However, we will continue to ensure our arithmetic skills are kept fresh through regular 10 in 10s and times tables challenges. Please make sure you are using Times Tables Rockstars at home regularly.

## Expectations for year 5

As we head into our last term in year 5, it is really important to take every opportunity to secure knowledge and understanding. Therefore, it is really important that **homework set is brought back to school**. When children are asked to complete online homework, such as Lexia or Spelling Shed, I will check that it has been done. The greatest improvement is being made by children who are using **Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rockstars and Lexia** on a daily basis- aim for 10 minutes on each! Login details are available if you have forgotten them, please ask. Some children will be given extra, short, booster lessons to catch up or revisit areas of learning where they are struggling. In order to maximise time, **homework club** will be changing...

**Homework Club** will continue on a Wednesday after school but will be targeted at children who need a little more help with maths. Letters will be sent to invite particular children to attend up until half term. It will run from 3.15-4.00.

### **Some important days to remember:**

Wednesday	Homework Club (see above)
Friday	P.E Kit
	Maths and English Homework set

P.E. will take place on Friday afternoons- ***please ensure proper kits are in school every week***. This half term we will be doing athletics as well as continuing team games.

I'd also like to remind parents (and children) that there is a clear school uniform policy which must be followed and items from home should not be brought into school. Stanstead provides everything which is needed.

Thank you.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child or their education, please call in and we can arrange a time to talk.

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