Autumn 2024

Welcome to Year 5.

I would like to welcome you and your child back to school and the beginning of a new year. We hope to have a year full of new learning opportunities as well as celebrations and fun. We have many things planned for this year.

Here in upper KS2 we like to encourage more independence, problem solving and responsibility. Throughout the year each child will be given just that to help prepare for the future. In Year 5 we have many responsibilities including Leader duties and GIFT team leaders therefore there will be high expectations aimed for each individual this year.

The adults in class will be myself, Mrs Frater, Miss Haseldin, Mrs Walker and our new member of staff Miss Keegan. The children will have Mrs Killoran on a Tuesday afternoon.

**Curriculum**

In English we like to focus on ‘Quality not Quantity’ so our writing is going to be based on ensuring we understand what a quality piece of writing looks like and how we edit our work to achieve our best. Handwriting will be focus as well up levelling vocabulary. Children will start just using a pencil for writing and then once writing has shown improvement they will be given opportunities to earn a pen licence.

Our foundation subject focus for this half term in Geography will be ‘Mountains’ and in History will be ‘Vikings’.

In Science we will be learning about ‘Earth and Space.

In PE we will be learning ‘Tag Rugby’.

*More areas of our learning will be located on the Medium-Term Plan attached on the class website page.*

**Water bottles and snacks** – please ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle in school that contains water only. This needs to be labelled. It is recommended to bring in a piece of fruit/veg to eat at break time.

**PE will be on Wednesdays PM**

Children to bring PE kit into school. Please ensure your child have the correct kit suitable for indoor and outdoor.

PE will be every Wednesday PM starting next week.

PE kits must be as follows:

* White T-shirt
* Blue/Black shorts (Same colour leggings acceptable)
* Trainers/pumps
* Spare pair of socks (in case of wet weather)
* No jewellery. Stud Earrings to be taken out or covered appropriately. Hair tied up.

**Resources**

All basic equipment will be provided by school and kept in their tray provided: pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue stick, highlighter, whiteboard and pen. Children are welcome to bring in their own stationary as long as it can be kept in their tray and at their own risk.

**Homework**

Weekly Spellings and Maths sheets will be given out on **Friday** and will need to be returned on the following **Thursday.**

Spelling Test will commence on **Friday AM**.

Reading = Ongoing throughout the week

Our new Reading scheme Accelerated Reader: This week your child has been assessed on their reading level linked to our new scheme; the children have then chosen a selection of interests on the system which has then given a wide selection of e-books for them to read. A letter will follow next week to explain the new scheme homework in detail.

Our school website has a variety of resources that you and your child can access at home, including Spellings (Purple Mash) and Maths. This will be shown to the children in school so they are familiar with it.

All whole class communication will be via email or text. Any individual communication will be done via email, phone call or face to face. Any minor behaviours are unlikely to be communicated (unless it become persistent) as this will be dealt within school using our behaviour policy.

Should anyone wish to speak to me, I will be available afterschool near the door, if not then an email is best to be sent to the class email address (shown below) as I check emails throughout the working week and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Any queries then please email at: [year5@smrc-lit.co.uk](mailto:year3@smrc-lit.co.uk) or ring school to arrange a conversation.

Kind regards

Mr Collins (Teacher)

Mrs Frater, Miss Haseldin, Mrs Walker and Miss Keegan (Teaching Assistants)

Mrs Killoran- PPA cover on Tuesday afternoons