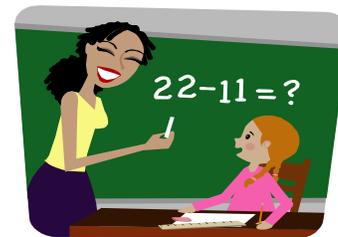


Year 5 Class Newsletter: Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another new and exciting school year. I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer break.

Overleaf you will find an overview of the Year 5 Autumn Curriculum. If you would like to speak to me about anything, please do not hesitate to catch me after school for an informal chat or contact the school to arrange an appointment time.

General

In upper Key Stage 2 the expectation is that children should be independent and resilient in their school work and in personal organisation. We are very deliberately seeking to develop them as young adults, ready for secondary school and the wider world. You can greatly help us by encouraging your children to take independent responsibility for a number of aspects of the Year 5 routine:

- Children in Year 5 should come to their pegs and up to the classroom on their own. Unless there is an agreed specific need, parents and carers should not accompany children to the Junior corridor;
- Children are expected to take personal responsibility for remembering reading records, homework or PE Kit, and for delivering home class communications (relating to class trips for example);
- Please encourage your child to do their homework independently.

While we are seeking to encourage your children to be as independent as possible, home and school working closely together remains centrally important to your children's success. As well as the Termly Structured Conversations, any parent or carer is always welcome to arrange, through the school office, to meet me after school.

It is imperative that your child attends school punctually every day, unless they are ill. The school building is open for children from 8.45am and the children are expected to make their way to the classroom as soon as they arrive at school. Children are expected to be in school from 8.45am each day to complete their mental maths activities (part of the '**I can do maths**' initiative).

In order to encourage healthy minds and bodies in our school it is expected that children come to school each day with healthy snacks and lunch (if they are having a packed lunch). As we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, it is essential that your child does not bring any foods containing nuts or traces of nuts, including biscuits and chocolate. We also ask that no sweets, crisps or sugary cakes and snacks be placed in your child's lunch. As you know, in KS2 children are no longer provided with mid-morning snacks so they need to bring in their own. Snack time is just before morning break at 10:50am. Children are only allowed to bring in a piece of fresh fruit or vegetables.

It is also important that your child comes to school each day in the correct school uniform. Please note that children are not permitted to wear non-uniform jumpers or trainers. On days when we have **PE**, children are expected to come to school in their full uniform (including black soled shoes) and will be given the opportunity to change before and after their PE sessions.

Please note that jewellery (apart from simple stud earrings for girls) is not part of the uniform and therefore not permitted. Any inappropriate item of jewellery worn to school will be confiscated and kept in the school office for safekeeping until the end of the week when it will be sent home. We ask that you continue to support us in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately every day.

Children will continue to receive '**Dojos**' for outstanding work/ behaviour. At the end of each term children are awarded special 'Red Letters', for consistent, outstanding behaviour over the whole term. In class, children can also lose points for inappropriate behaviour. Points are tallied at the end of each week and small prizes are awarded for highest point scorers.

PE

For Physical Education this term, children will have Swimming at YMCA. Lessons will take place on Tuesdays from 18th September.

Reading

Children are expected to read every evening for at least **20 minutes**. They can choose books from the schools resources. Every child will keep a **Reading Record Book that needs to be completed each evening** after they have read. The children are required to **write a comment about the book they are reading**: these comments may include their thoughts about an event or character or any interesting information they have read etc. Please note that comments should be more detailed than: *'I liked it, I read 5 pages, it was funny.'*

Times Tables

Children are expected to revise and/or learn their times tables at home. It is imperative that they know these off by heart as it will enable them to improve their mental maths skills and any work which uses the four operations, as well as fractions, percentages and converting measures! This term we are focusing on the 3, 6 and 9 times table and the related division facts.

I hope the children will enjoy their learning this year and we very much look forward to meeting you this term.

Kind regards,

Miss Katie Stewart
Year 5 Teacher