

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a great holiday. We are very much looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

Below is a summary of what we will be covering in our curriculum subjects this term. A more detailed explanation of what will be taught can be found on the Year 5 'Connected Curriculum' document on the school website.

In **English** the children will start with a fiction unit based on Beowulf and then a non-fiction unit around newspapers. In **Mathematics** they will begin their work on fractions and decimals. In **Science** the children will continue with their Materials and Properties unit. This term we will focus on dissolving materials in liquids and will carry out some exciting investigations. In **Computing**, children will deepen their knowledge of concept maps. Our **RE** topic this term will focus on Sikhism and our **PSHE** topic is 'Dreams and Goals'. In **French** lessons, the focus will be clothing and the children will be learning to say, read and write what someone is or isn't wearing. Our topic this term is based on our **History** unit, the Anglo-Saxons.

#### Practical details

**PE** will be on a **Wednesday afternoon**. Children will need to bring their PE kits to school on this day.

#### **Reading**

All children now have reading records and know the books they can choose from to take home. Please read with your child every evening and write a short comment in their reading record about how they got on (siblings/grandparents can also write in these). In Year 5, pupils will also be expected to write their own comments in their reading records responding to an aspect of their book. We will expect these comments to be detailed and relevant to an aspect of the book.

Reading records and school books should be brought to school every day so that teachers can check and sign them. We also encourage pupils to read books for pleasure and these can also be recorded in the reading records however we will expect the school issued books to be read every night as a minimum expectation. Children will receive a reading karate band for every 20 reads at home (reading record must be signed for each read). When children move up a reading band, they need to bring back their previous band. If you would like any support with this process, please discuss this with your child's class teacher.

Every time the whole class read the night before, and the reading record is checked the following morning, a peg is moved along a board spelling 'Reading'. The aim is for the peg to move one letter at a time. When they get to the letter 'g', the class will receive a treat.

### **Communication**

Dojo will no longer be used for communication between parents and teachers. Texts will be sent via the office to communicate information from teachers. Please email the office if you have a message to pass on to your child's teacher.

### **Bags**

We have very limited storage in the classroom for coats and bags. Please can you ensure your child does not bring a large backpack into school as they can fall off the pegs and become a trip hazard. We understand some children need an additional bag for a club/Shine, but please can you keep this as small as possible.

### **Homework**

We expect reading at home every day. We will also be sending home a homework task on a Friday which will be linked to learning in school. This needs to be returned by Tuesday to allow time for teachers to review. Spellings will also be issued as part of the children's homework on a Friday. We expect the children to practice these spellings every night, including application to sentences/writing. There will be a spelling test held every Friday for the spellings from the previous Friday.

We are all looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Thank you,

The Year Five Team

Mr Telford

Miss Bryant

Miss Stocker