



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

## Year 5 – Orange Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

A belated Happy New Year and a warm welcome to everyone at the start of our Spring term. We hope that you had a lovely Christmas holiday. We have another busy and exciting term ahead of us! The Year 5 teaching team has not changed – led by Robert Wootton and supported by Alison Holliday on Tuesday mornings. We continue to have Dee Decent, as the class Teaching Assistant, supporting the children's learning throughout the week.

### Curriculum

Children in Year 5 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term under our topic area we will be learning about: (1) **Biomes and Climate zones**, and in particular the rainforest and marine biomes and the impact that humans are having on these areas. Subject to availability, we hope to visit Kew Gardens in London after half term to learn more about different biomes; (2) **The Victorians** and how their inventions, the industrial revolution, their explorations of the world and the development of the British Empire has impacted significantly on the world.

The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths, Science and Foundation Subject focus areas for this term. In terms of reading, all children are expected to have in school every day their reading book and green reading records. They should be reading at home regularly, independently and/or to an adult or older sibling. Reading records should be kept up-to-date and will be checked each week by Mr Wootton.

### Homework

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will usually be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set instead, linked to another area of the curriculum that we are studying. The weekly homework will be stuck into each child's blue homework book for them to take home on Fridays, as well as put online on the Year 5 Google Classroom, and the homework should be handed in by the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

### PE Kits

This term PE will take place on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. However, **PE kits** should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school that they can use for PE lessons.

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 5 team, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground in the mornings or at the end of the day or email the school office and we will get back to you.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 team