



Friday 21st April 2023

Year 5 – Orange Class Newsletter – Summer Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello to you all and welcome to our summer term, which will be as busy as ever with a Class Assembly (Friday 26th May), a Victorian School Day (after half term) and Sports day all to look forward to. The Year 5 teaching team has not changed – led by Robert Wootton, supported by Alison Holliday with Dee Decent as the class Teaching Assistant. For most of the summer term the University of Hertfordshire PGCE Student, Paige Hossack, will be back in the Year 5 classroom continuing her teaching placement.

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 **The Victorians** and the influence that this period in history had on the world. We will also look more closely, and locally, at the Victorian history of our school and St Albans. Within geography, children will deepen their understanding of **climate change**, what is being done to tackle it and what they can do to help.

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 bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. Reading records should be filled in when reading independently.

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. 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

PE will continue taking place on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings. **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 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, as well as a hat as the weather gets warmer.

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