



Tuesday 12th September

Year 5 – Orange Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had a lovely summer. The children have made an excellent start to the year already, settling in so well with the new routines and expectations for Year 5.

Teaching arrangements

This year the teaching team in Year 5 will be Sarah Rowlatt and Alison Holliday with Jo Crichton supporting in class every day.

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 life, achievements and legacy of Ancient Greece, as well as improving our map and atlas reading skills. We hope to organise an Ancient Greece day later in the term, which will involve dressing up, learning about Greek Gods and Goddesses, and making and tasting Greek food. The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths and Science focus areas for this term.

Reading

Reading will be taught through whole-class reading sessions using a range of texts, books and extracts across the year. We will also ensure children have time to read their own books each day. The 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. The children have been shown how to complete their reading records and should be doing this independently when they have read. We will collect the reading records in each week to celebrate the reading the children are doing.

Homework

As well as reading at home, a spelling homework plus a maths or English task 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. Homework will be stuck in the children's homework books and sent home on a Friday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

PE Kits

We will have PE on Monday and Wednesday. 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.

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

Best wishes,

The Year 5 team