



Year 5 – Orange Class Newsletter – Spring Term 2024

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 children have started the term focusing on our new PSHE theme “Learning to Learn for the Future”.

Curriculum

Children in Year 5 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term under our topic area we will be having a Geography focus: (1) **Biomes and Climate zones**, and in particular the rainforest and marine biomes and the impact that humans are having on these areas. (2) **Map skills** and how to use maps to describe 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 on a Friday.

Homework

As well as reading at home, 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. The weekly homework will be stuck into each child's blue homework book for them to take home on Fridays and handed in on a Thursday. 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 and Wednesdays. 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.

Happy Human Project

This term, Year 5 have been given the brilliant opportunity for sessions with the Happy Human Project. These sessions are a great way for children to develop their emotional intelligence and build on strategies for managing difficult emotions. This will involve group and partner discussions, games, self-exploration and mindful strategies. These sessions will be 40 minutes long and take place on a Tuesday morning.

Class Assembly

Finally, a date for the diary! Our year 5 class assembly will be on **Thursday 8th February at 9:15.**

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