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CLASS NEWSLETTER

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Please contact Mr Bragg on the email address below if you have any questions regarding your child's Year 5 journey or on our Class Dojo page (within contact hours - 8:30am-4:30pm Monday to Friday)

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Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome to Year 5!

Our Curriculum

This half term, our learning will be based around the key question 'Why is the USA (North America) so special?' In conjunction with this we are going to be learning about space in our science lessons. In our topic lessons, we will be focused on developing the children's geography skill, which will involve exploring both the physical and human aspects of geography. In literacy, we will be exploring the book 'Hidden Figures' (a story which explores the true story of four black women and their role at NASA during the space race.) This story is set in 1950's and 1960's America and will expose children to the race inequalities experienced by African American people in the USA and the wider world at the time. It will also show how NASA was influential in initiating the change that has taken place over the past 70 years or so.

Empowering Learning

This half term, we're learning to be 'self-managers'. We're aiming to develop our resilience so that we keep trying even if we find things difficult. We are also learning to respect the views of others, even when they are different from our own, as well as, working on managing our emotions so we are more prepared and able to learn, which, in turn, will help us to understand how we learn best, regulating ourselves with greater independence!

Reading

The skill of reading is an essential part of learning for all of the children in Year 5. It will support children to improve their understanding and their learning across all subject areas. We will actively promote reading and our aim is for children to enjoy reading for pleasure.

We expect children to read at home at least 5 times per week and will check their reading records each day to ensure they have been reading at home. Children in Year 5 will be expected to change their reading books at least once per week and by the end of Year 5, we expect most of the children to be 'Free Readers.'

Now that children are in Year 5 we are aware that they can read independently, particularly children who are a 'Free Reader,' however, they do need to get their reading records signed each day.

Reminders

PE days - Will be Thursday and Friday this half term. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear. Any jewellery must be removed or covered before coming to school too. Please see the whole-school DOJO or school website for further information on our uniform (including PE kits) policy.

Snack - Snack for the half term is £7.60. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full at the beginning of the half term. Please send money in clearly labelled envelopes.

Lining up - Please ensure children are lined up on the playground (next to the bike shed) for 8:45am each morning. Please encourage their independence with this and refrain from standing with them or crowding around the entrance door upon arrival.

Inhalers - If your child has asthma, please ensure your child has an in-date inhaler and up-to-date asthma plan (signed by the GP) in school.

Dinners - Please remember to pre-order children's school dinners on School Hub. For support with this, contact the school office.

Who is who in Year 5?

Mr Bragg is our class teacher and Miss Knott is our Teaching Assistant. Mrs Austin, a 1-to-1 Teaching Assistant will also be working in our class. Mr Wise (PE Coach) will also teach our PE on Thursday mornings this half term.

All of our staff are here to help if you have any questions or issues, which you may need help with.

Keep up to date!

Please regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning/education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on Class Dojo. Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on Earwig and our school website, which includes our Year 5 class webpage. Don't forget to check them out!