



# Class 5 Newsletter

## Autumn One

### Welcome to Class Five!



Welcome to Year 5 and the start of a brand new school year. I hope you have all managed to find some time to have some fun over the holidays and are now recharged and ready to come back to school. I am very much looking forward to getting to know you all and I do hope you are also looking forward to the year ahead and are ready for lots and lots of fun learning!

*Mr Harington*

### Our Topics

As always at this time of year, the whole school theme is **Respect** and **Pride**. Firstly in Class 5 we will be looking at how we can create the perfect classroom. After this, we will be writing speeches for our school council election day. We will then elect two children to act as our School Council representatives. School council is such an exciting opportunity for the children as Miss Di regularly takes the children out for meetings and they get to join in with some fun events! Our learning this half term will include learning more about forces in science, to help recover a meteorite for the National History Museum! Geography will have us looking at how people have changed the U.K over the years and in R.E will be looking at what places are special to us and to other religions. Finally, as part of our work for Black History Month we will be learning about the horrors of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and its important place in world history. In particular we will focus on the amazing life of Ottobah Cugoana, a slave who bought his own freedom and went on to help abolish slavery in Britain. Keep an eye on the school website for photos of all this exciting learning.



### English

This term will have a big focus on recapping year four skills, making sure we can all remember how to make good quality sentences using exciting vocabulary and skills such as expanded noun phrases, prepositions, fronted adverbials and subordinate clauses. Please do ask your children to explain these skills. If they struggle, try a web search to help find an explanation - or remind them to ask us! During Black History month, we will be looking at diary writing, as well as how to write a persuasive letter.

### Maths

In year five, the children need to be confident with numbers up to 1,000,000! Place value is key, so we will be looking at the value of digits within 3 to 6 digit numbers, progressing to comparing and ordering them. We will look at addition and subtraction, revising the formal methods. We will also be recapping and consolidating year four skills. Finally, we will, as always have a big focus on times tables. Children should know all their times tables by now so it's all about practise to help them to be as quick and confident as possible when recalling these essential facts. The Times Tables Rockstars app is the perfect way for them to practise. They can now use the 'Jamming' feature to focus on a specific times table that they might need more work on. Please let us know if you need your child's log in details.



## HOMEWORK



Your child will receive homework each Friday. The task will be inside their homework books. This year we have two different homework books, one for a spelling writing task and one for maths. Spellings will be sent home every Friday. The children will have almost a week to learn them. The children need to write a sentence using each spelling word to show their understanding. The children will also be given a specific focus for the sentences. All work is pitched so that it can be completed independently. However, children may need help to understand some of the words. We use dictionaries in school so if they have access to one at home this would help.

Learn by Hearts homework will come home on a Thursday. These are essential maths facts that must be learnt in preparation for a test the following Thursday. The children will then get a second week to consolidate the facts before receiving the next set.

Homework should be handed in on a Tuesday. If any child is unable to manage this, they will be expected to complete their work during break/lunchtimes.

All children should also continue to read regularly at home [we suggest a minimum of 3 x per week] to an adult and record this in their reading record. Please feel free to leave a comment on how they have got on.

Please do feel free to contact us if you have any queries or would like any advice on helping your children further.



## PE



Our PE slots will be on **MONDAY** and **THURSDAY**.

**Your child will need to wear their PE kit to school on these days.**

Our school PE kit consists of plain black shorts or leggings/tracksuit bottoms with a plain white t-shirt and appropriate footwear (trainers must be worn outdoors, especially when it is wet!) We will try to be outside as much as possible so please dress according to the days weather prediction. We will provide a school hooded top for them to use. This will be their own personal top for the year but does need to be kept in school.

Children must not wear earrings during PE lessons for safety reasons. Please make sure they leave them at home or are able to take them out themselves.

As well as being good for your child's health, PE is statutory; therefore, all children must participate in each lesson unless there is a *medical reason* to suggest otherwise.

If you have any queries, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to make an appointment [via the school office] with either of us in Class 5, before 8:40 am or after school. We are also available at the end of the ramp for a quick chat at 8:40am and 3:05.

Many thanks,

This term's  
value is  
respect



Mr Harington,



Alice Whiteley and Mrs Hussain

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September - Autumn term begins

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September - School council voting

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Black history month

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest festival [1:30pm]

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - Break up for half term