



Year 5 – Spring 2



I hope you have had a great holiday and are ready for what will be a very short half term but with a lot happening in it!

As a school, we have been really pushing attendance and I'm impressed by the great attendance of some of the children in our class. I'm hoping that those who have suffered sickness bugs etc remain healthy this term so that we can win the trophy and children don't miss out on their learning.

If you have any queries or concerns, do see me after school or contact me via Seesaw.

Mrs Smith

Maths

We will be focussing on decimals and percentages and then we will be looking at area and perimeter. Yet again our tables' knowledge will be vital!

How can you help?

Top marks education has lots of fun maths games!

www.topmarks.co.uk

Make sure they keep practising on **Times Tables Rock Stars** – last year's login still works for them. I know some children have been using the **White Rose App**, which is free, and has lots of good quick skills. If your child hasn't logged on yet, why not encourage them to do so?

English

This half term we will be focussing on writing a recount from a different point of view and then looking at how to write persuasively. We will continue to do a lot of work to improve our reading skills.

How can you help?

I have been setting some reading on Seesaw each week, it's continued to be a bit disappointing that only a handful of children have looked at this. Please support your child to do this reading at home each weekend – it will only take about 15mins.

Curriculum

This half term in **Science** the children will be learning all about '**Changes of Materials**'. The middle week of the half term will also be a whole school SCIENCE WEEK with lots of exciting events – more news to follow. We will also have a team in from the **NUFoundation** who will be leading us in some exciting **STEM** work – again more details to follow. This will cover some science and technology work.

In **History** we will be finding out about '**Medieval Monarchs**' – some of whom were good and some bad!

PE will be led by external **netball** coaches. PE is now on THURSDAYS.

PE DAY – THURSDAY

Remembering kit is really important – light blue PE shirt, dark blue shorts, (leggings are allowed for girls) trainers or sandshoes. We will be having a visiting coach to teach us some great netball skills. A water bottle is really important too.

Useful Information

E-safety reminder: Sadly, we are still getting reports of children in our class being unkind on social media

Most social media sites (Snapchat, Instagram, Tik-tok etc.) have a lower age limit of 13. If you have permitted your child to use these sites, do you know who they are talking to? Or what they are posting? If your child enjoys gaming (especially games like Fortnite (12+ rating)), again do you know who is in any group chat with them?

It is recommended that if your child is on-line, that they do it in somewhere like the sitting room, rather than in their bedroom – it helps you know they are safe on line.



Remember to look at the Seesaw app to your phone or other smart device to see what homework your child has been set as well as messages and newsletters.