



Spring 2023 - Year 5



Happy New Year!

It's been great to get to know your children over the last term and I look forward to watching them grow and develop over the next term.

Maths

This term we will be working on multiplication and division using formal methods for both of these. We will go on to more fraction work – finding fractions of amounts. We will go onto decimals and percentages which are obviously closely linked to fractions. Other maths topics will be statistics (in particular line graphs) and area and perimeter.

How can I help?

Quick knowledge of facts is really important and the following will help secure them:

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.

English

Your child may have mentioned that we are using a new way of modelling writing and learning from the great skills of authors. To help us we will be reading a book called 'Beetle Boy'

We will work on some poetry, inspired by the work of Michael Rosen.

Later in the term we will be studying the Ancient Greeks and will work on playscripts based on Greek Myths.

Throughout our work we also be writing in a range of non-fiction styles.

How can I help?

Encourage them to learn their spellings for the test each Friday.

Encourage your child to read anything at home! Magazines, newspapers, comics, books...

They also have access to **Reading Plus** which they can use from home. Your child should know their login but if they can't remember it, contact me via Seesaw and I can let you know what it is.

Curriculum

This term in Science the children will be learning all about animals including humans and then looking at changes in materials.

In Geography we will be finding out about Biomes.

After half term, in History we will be studying the Ancient Greeks – sadly no field trip to Greece!

In Computing we will be carrying out video editing, using data and information and considering the importance of digital well-being and e-safety in all we do.

We will be having the Newcastle Music Service coming in to deliver our music lessons this term – we will be developing ukulele skills!

PE DAY – MONDAY

Last term a lot of children were consistently forgetting kit. Our first half term we will be doing gymnastics work inside and it is really important that they bring their school T-shirt and PE shorts (leggings are allowed for girls on religious grounds).

E-safety. As you are aware, we had some issues last term with children on Snapchat. 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. If you have difficulty getting on to Seesaw please ask and we will do our best to help.

**Useful
Information**

