

P.E.

P.E. will be on Wednesday afternoons. Our main focus will be athletics—running, throwing and jumping. Please make sure all children have appropriate clothing and footwear for indoor and outdoor sessions, jewellery removed and hair tied back.

Sports day will be during the second half of the Summer term. More details of this will come to you nearer the time.

Swimming

Swimming starts again this term on Monday afternoon, classes will swim fortnightly in order to give the children longer sessions. Rotas will be up outside classes 7 & 14, parents are urged to sign up, as Mrs Sargent cannot teach lessons without one extra adult present. Children are reminded that swimming uniform is required—boys must not wear baggy shorts and girls need to wear a one-piece. Swimming hats must be worn and can be purchased from the office. If you require your child to wear goggles please send a letter to Mrs Sargent ASAP.

Reminders

Please ensure all your child's clothes are named. Each term our lost property baskets are full to the brim with unnamed items of clothing, some of it brand new! Please also remind the children that for safety reasons, the only jewellery that is allowed are small studs. These need to be removed during P.E. Because of this, it is only practical to have ears pierced at the beginning of the summer holidays.



Staff

Class 7 will be taught by Mrs. Branton and class 14 by Mrs Noon and Mrs Ruiz.

Teachers' Planning, Preparation and Assessment time (PPA) will be covered by Miss. K. Doy (class 7) and Mrs Norman (class 14)

The Teaching assistants supporting Year five are:

Mrs. K. Bolt
Miss. K. Doy
Mrs. M. Evans
Mrs. P. Thompson

We all look forward to this term and with home and school working together, your children will be able to achieve their best. We work hard to do the best for your child. If, at any time, you have a concern or question, please talk to the class teacher who will be around at the end of each day. If you are still concerned please talk to the Phase 3 Co-ordinator (Mrs Noon).



YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER



SUMMER TERM 2008

Welcome ...

... to our Summer year group newsletter! We hope you will find the information in this newsletter both helpful and informative. This will be a busy but exciting term for us all as we continue with our core subjects and creative curriculum on the topic of Ancient Egypt.

The QCA tests will be in approximately four weeks time (the week before half-term).

The Curriculum

Literacy

Year five children will be improving their writing skills through their study of persuasive texts and poetry.

Writing:

We are working very hard to help the children feel confident in writing for many different purposes. Handwriting is just one small part of this. To support us with this, please encourage your child to write at home, for example, thank you letters, invitations, stories, poems, postcards, etc... Please encourage them to plan what they are going to write, think of the target audience and check their writing to make sure it makes sense.



Reading:

Children will continue to bring home guided reading books and will have weekly tasks to complete in their reading journals. As well as this, children should also be reading a book of their own choice, either borrowed from school libraries or one of their own. We expect children to be reading regularly and discussing their book with members of their family. It is important to share reading books with your child, even when they become independent readers, in order to foster a lifelong love of reading.



Spelling:

Spelling strategies are taught within the Literacy hour and children also have a chance to practice these during Morning Literacy sessions which take place during register time. They are also encouraged to keep a personal record of spellings to be learnt, taken from mis-spelt words from their own writing. Each child has a personal spelling log which may be brought home for further reinforcement, as long as it is brought back in the following day!

Homework:

Literacy homework set on a Tuesday to be handed in on the Friday.

Maths homework set on a Wednesday to be handed in on a Monday.

Reading homework is set the day the child has guided reading, to be in the day before they next read.

Maths:

During this term we will be paying great attention to the key skills needed to be successful in Maths, namely the four different operations, e.g. addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

During the term we will be continuing with our Key Facts programme that will ensure that all children have a sound knowledge of the facts that they need to complete problems in maths. Please encourage your child to learn these when they are sent home.



Science:

Year Five children will be working on three new topics in science. Life cycles, Changing circuits and micro-Organisms. The children will be researching and investigating these topics, and carrying out practical activities.

Evening Event.

Our evening event on Wednesday 24th April at 3.30 pm in the main hall, will be based on the units of science that we have studied this academic year so far—Healthy Eating, Gases around us, Changing Sound and Changing State.



Topic

Ancient Egypt.
During our topic work on Ancient Egypt we will be looking at what we can learn from looking at artefacts that have survived, as well as looking at what it is like to live in Egypt now. Encouraging your child to carry out their own research at home would develop their understanding, and opportunities for them to share what they have found out will be made at school.

Information To Parents

Reports will be sent home in June. At the Summer Term parents evening you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's report if you deem it necessary.

Cycle Training:

Cycle training has begun for Year five children and is currently running on a Thursday afternoon from 3.30—4.30 pm. Could those attending please ensure they bring their bikes with them every Thursday morning, walking it through the playground and leaving it in the shed along with their cycle helmets. Please encourage your child to work through the Cycle work booklet, answering the questions. This will need to be handed in, complete, near the end of the course.