



Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all - I hope that you had a great Christmas break.

This term our topic is 'Sow, Grow and Farm', looking at the farming techniques in the UK and across the globe. We are sure this will be a fun and exciting topic and are hoping to be involved with local groups and farmers - which will really enhance our learning.

Homework

Most of the children are now in a good routine completing homework, with a maths activity set (usually on a Monday) which will be due in the following Monday. A worksheet will be handed out as well as a copy being uploaded to Seesaw - children can upload their work or hand it in to class. We are trying to cover all bases and ensure that everyone has access. There will also be extra tasks related to our topic to engage the children and grown-ups too!

TT Rockstar

Just a reminder of the importance of times-table knowledge - please encourage your child to log-on and rise up the Rockstar Ladder - just 10 minutes a day can make a huge difference.

Reading

Reading at home continues to be a focus and it is essential that children record their time reading in their reading diary. I have been impressed with the increased commitment and enjoyment the children are getting from reading and am very proud to see so many children close to their first reading award milestone of a BRONZE badge. During Years 5 & 6, it is so important for children to read every day to consolidate and extend their basic skills, become fluent, confident readers, build a vocabulary of words and concepts, and most importantly be able to comprehend increasingly sophisticated texts. It is a transition from 'learning to read' to 'reading to learn'.

Year 5 children are expected to **read at home 4 times per week as part of their weekly homework** - this should be at least 10 pages - the children should mark the pages read from / to in their reading record.

PE

As the winter weather sets in, we will be having our PE sessions in the hall for the first half of the term. Please ensure a suitable indoor PE kit (plimsolls not trainers) is in school and **roll-on deodorant** is also a good idea from Year 5 onwards.

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon and a Thursday afternoon.

Please support your child by ensuring they have their named P.E. Kit in school.



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Curriculum Overview.

Maths - Multiplication/Division

English - Non-fiction reports / Fiction Adventure

Science - Materials and their properties

RE - Salvation - Christianity

Topic (Geography/History/ICT/ D&T/ Art)- Sow, Grow and Farm

Water Bottles.

Please can you send your child to school with a water bottle to keep in the classroom. This will need to be taken home and washed regularly.

We value the role that parents/carers play in education and hope that by working in partnership with you, we will be able to fully support your child's learning and help them to achieve their full potential. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Hearn