



Autumn Term Class 5

What I am doing at school this term!

11th September 2009

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome to Year 5!

Year 5 is taught by Ms Jones on a Monday & Tuesday and Mrs Saxon on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday. Our teaching assistant this year is Mrs Arnold. As you may be aware Ms Jones will be leaving at half term to begin her maternity leave; she will be replaced by Ms Fletcher, whom some of you may remember was a teacher at Hanwell Fields when the school first opened.

We have put together a programme of learning we hope will challenge, inspire and enthuse all children to want to find out more and to try new things! Although planned according to terms, we might find as the year progresses that we move some topics around in order to improve the curriculum and make it more enjoyable & relevant for the children.

All parents are invited to our class 'Back to School Meeting' on Wednesday 16th September from 2:30 until 3:15 where we shall explain further what your child can expect being in Year 5.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come in to arrange a meeting to discuss these.

Mrs M Saxon & Ms E Jones

Below is a list of the subjects we shall teach over the next two terms (until Christmas).

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Communication, Literacy & Language.</u> <u>(CLL)</u></p> <p>Significant authors such as Michael Morpurgo, then classics such as Oscar Wilde, myths & legends to go with our topic work.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Mathematical Development.</u> <u>(MD)</u></p> <p>Numeracy will focus on place value and ordering numbers, addition and subtraction. We aim to teach and reinforce a range of strategies that children will feel confident in using and will be able to apply in a variety of maths activities such as problem solving, and measuring.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Knowledge & Understanding of the World.</u> <u>(K&U)</u></p> <p>Our topic this term is 'The Ancient Greeks'.</p> <p>Our science topic is 'Healthy Bodies & Lifestyles'. We shall be learning about what the body needs to maintain good health and learn about the dangers of poor nutrition, and the effects that leading an unhealthy life can have.</p> <p>In RE we shall be looking at different forms of Christianity, such as Catholic, Quaker, Methodist, to consider their similarities and differences and how they celebrate harvest and Christmas.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Creative Development</u> <u>(CD)</u></p> <p>Objects & meanings, still life looking at the work of Cezanne and Steenwyk.</p> <p>Creating compositions to create their own still life work.</p> <p>Making vessels & containers – using clay, modroc.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Personal Social Development (PSD)</u></p> <p>We will follow the Family Links 'Nurturing Programme'. This is a 10 week programme which teaches children to consider their own and others feelings and how to deal with some of the issues they are faced with in daily life and to improve their self-esteem. This year we have decided as a key stage to teach PHSE in 'enrichment groups' in order for children to understand and appreciate the issues children of all ages face, rather than just children of their own age.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Physical Development (PD)</u></p> <p>PE will usually be on a Tuesday and a Thursday, but occasionally this may change as sports coaches often visit the school.</p> <p>We aim to do PE in all weathers (Health & Safety permitting) so please only provide PE clothes you do not mind becoming dirty.</p> <p>PE kit should be brought into school on Monday and go home on Fridays.</p> <p>PE kit includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. T shirt 2. shorts 3. long sleeve top 4. long trousers/joggers 5. PE shoes (old trainers) <p>Please ensure your child has all 5 pieces of kit in their bags. We do two PE sessions a week; one might be an indoor session where they need shorts & t shirt, whilst the second outdoors where they need long sleeves and trousers/joggers to keep warm.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Homework is given every Thursday and should come back into school by the following Tuesday. All homework is designed to reinforce learning, therefore, it is important that children complete it to the best of their ability and hand it in on time. As a general rule there will be one piece of maths work and one other, plus weekly spellings.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spellings</u></p> <p>All children are given new spellings on a Tuesday and they will be tested on them the following Monday. Children have been taught to use the 'Look, cover, write, check' method of learning, which means they can learn them independently. However, we do suggest you also go through the spellings with your child.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Even though your child is in Year 5, they still need to read regularly. We suggest they spend at least 15 per night reading. At this age they often prefer to read to themselves, but it is a good idea to ask them about what they are reading and even ask them to read aloud to you now and again.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water Bottles</u></p> <p>It is important that children drink water throughout the day so we ask that your child brings a water bottle into school as this is healthier than sharing a water fountain, particularly now that swine flu has arrived in this country.</p> <p>Your child can use any bottle or these can be purchased from the school office.</p> <p>Bottles should be taken home at the end of the week to be thoroughly cleaned AND BROUGHT BACK AGAIN ON Monday morning!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Blue Folders</u></p> <p>We have provided all children with a blue folder which they should take home each night, but bring back to school every morning.</p> <p>The folder is for letters for parents, new spellings, homework, reading diaries and other important notes.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Home/School Agreements</u></p> <p>As in previous years we shall be sending out home/school agreements. We would appreciate you talking to your child about any area of school or home that you would like to focus on.</p>

Dates for your Diary

16th September Meet the Teachers, 2:30 Yr 5 classroom

14 & 21st October Parents Meetings 3:15 – 6:30 (Appointment sheets outside classroom nearer the time)

22nd October End of Term

4th November Term begins