



Friday 17th September 2021

Year 5 Orange Class Newsletter – Autumn Term 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us! The Year 5 teaching team this year is being led by Robert Wootton and he will be supported by Alison Holliday on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also have two great support staff working with the children: Debs Das and Milo Cook.

Curriculum

Children in Year 5 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term under our topic area we will be learning about the life, achievements and legacy of Ancient Greece, as well as improving our map and atlas reading skills. We hope to organise an Ancient Greece day later in the term, which will involve dressing up, learning about Greek Gods and Goddesses, and making and tasting Greek food. The **Medium-Term Overview** provides more details about the English, Maths and Science focus areas for this term. In terms of reading, all children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or older sibling regularly. Reading records should be filled in when reading independently.

Homework

As well as reading at home, maths and spelling homework will usually be set once a week. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set, linked to a topic that we are studying. Homework put on the Year 5 Google Classroom every Friday and needs to be turned in by the following Tuesday. Paper copies of the homework will be available should a child wish to complete the work on paper rather than online. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

PE Kits

We will have PE on Friday mornings. However, **PE kits** should be in school every day, and should include the Camp School P.E. top or a white t-shirt, black shorts/tracksuit trousers, and a pair of plimsolls/trainers to change into. During the school day the class will complete the daily mile on the school's running track. Please make sure that your child always has a water bottle in school that they can use for PE lessons.

Swimming

This term Year 5 have swimming on Monday afternoons. They will need a swimming costume, towel and swimming hat. Swimming goggles are only permitted with a written letter provided by a parent/guardian. This is a request made by the swimming pool. They may wish to bring a drink to have afterwards. Swimming hats can be bought from the school office for £1 (payable via School Gateway).

If you wish to speak to any of the Year 5 team, please do not hesitate to catch us on the playground at the end of the day or email the school office and we will ring you back.

Best wishes,

The Year 5 team