



6th September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 5 Autumn Term Newsletter

I hope that you all had a good summer break and a lovely holiday. The children have returned to school in a good frame of mind to enjoy the challenges of the new term ahead. I shall be trying to encourage independence this year and for the children to take responsibility for their own organisation, looking after their things and keeping areas tidy, as well as making sure they complete and return their homework on time. There is an opportunity for parents to come and meet me in the 'Year 5 Meet the Teacher' session on Wednesday 13th September at 3:45 when I will be available to answer any questions or for parents to communicate important information about their children, but in the meantime here is some information that I hope will be of use to you:

Please make sure that all clothing and personal items are clearly named. This will enable lost items to be returned easily. We encourage children to bring named water bottles to school, especially during hot weather. Snack may be purchased at break times: prices start at 10p for a piece of toast and are no more than 50p per item. Children are responsible for looking after their own snack money.

P.E. and Swimming

P.E. is scheduled for **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. This may be outdoors if the weather is good, so please ensure that your child has the correct indoor and outdoor P.E. uniform in school for these days. Swimming will start after Christmas, with more details about this nearer the time.

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Fridays and be due back the following Wednesday. I will typically set a piece of Maths and a piece of Literacy and these will usually be consolidation of work that has been covered in class. The children will be given a folder for homework.

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home, either to you or to themselves. They are not too old to be heard read or to be read to! It is important that children read a variety of books, both fiction and non-fiction. Group reading will happen in class on a daily basis and they will also have time for individual reading, so it is important that children always have a book 'on the go; which of course, they will be able to choose from the school library, but they may also bring books from home. They have been given a Reading Journal in which to record their reading, so please encourage this at home. There is also an accompanying letter which explains how children can access quizzes which link to the books they have read from school.

Curriculum

Overleaf you will find a curriculum map with a brief outline of the work due to be covered this term. I hope you will find it useful as you discuss school life with your child.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. L-A. Wheeler

Year 5 Class teacher