

Friday 24th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 5,

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter- Spring 2023 2nd half

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school after the half term break. We are looking forward to the parent consultations that will be taking place during the week of 6th March, when we will have the chance to speak to many of you in detail about your child's learning. This will provide an opportunity to look at how your child is progressing, in addition to identifying next steps to work on, both at school and home.

Reading:

Our English texts this half term are, 'The Lost Happy Endings' and 'The Princesses' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy. We will also be using, 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin in our Guided Reading lessons. Please ensure your child reads at home on a daily basis and that they record their reading in their reading diary. Book bags and reading diaries should be brought into school **everyday** to support the Accelerated Reader programme we use. Home reading is monitored by teachers weekly and feedback is given to children. We expect children to read their independent reading book for at least 30 minutes per day.

Spellings:

We will continue to work on the statutory word list for Years 3 / 4 and 5 / 6, as well as focusing specifically on: words with 'ie' and 'ei', homophones and personal spelling lists.

Maths:

This half term we will continue learning about fractions and then move onto decimals and percentages. Please continue to encourage your child to regularly practise their times tables on TT Rockstars. For those children who know these facts, regular practise will increase their recall speed. You can access the website via our school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>.

You can also find more maths activities on Education City (<https://educationcity.com/>) which your children may enjoy completing at home.

Home Learning:

This term our home learning project is based on our history topic 'Windrush'. Please have a look at some starter ideas for projects that you can complete at home with your child. Completed projects can be sent into school with your child to be shared with the rest of the class.

PE:

Your child will need to come to school wearing appropriate clothing for PE on Wednesdays (indoor dance) and Thursdays (outdoor OAA/netball). Trainers will be required for outdoor sessions. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it. Earrings are not permitted to be worn in PE and long hair should be tied back.

General reminders:

- Please ensure your child brings in their water bottle daily
- We have been advised to keep good levels of ventilation in school, so layers of clothing will be useful as the weather can be changeable.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Sewell and Miss Bright
Year 5 teachers