

Tuesday 7th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and that the children had a well-deserved rest. Thank you so much for all your support, kind words, cards, and lovely gifts. We are looking forward to working with you and your children again this term.



We have some exciting topics coming up this term including -

History: This term's history enquiry will see the children working to answer the question, "Why did Britain once rule the largest empire the world has ever seen?"

Science: Children will be researching and investigating properties and changes of materials. This is a great topic which allows for lots of practical activities and investigations.

Homework

There are no changes to the homework arrangements, but just as a reminder here are the expectations for Year 5:

- Reading – 4 times a week, recorded in reading diaries and signed by an adult.
- Spellings – Given out on a Monday to learn for a test on Friday.
- Times Table Rock Stars - 4 sessions each week.
- Maths – given out on a Thursday to be back by the following Tuesday.



P.E. Kits

P.E. will be on Thursdays (swimming) and Fridays, however please can PE kits be in school **EVERY DAY** as there may be times when we change our timetable. Please can you check that ALL items in P.E. kits are clearly labelled with your child's name. We have lots of sweatshirts and jogging trousers which have been left in our classroom over the past term that have no names in. We are therefore not able to return them to their rightful owners and children have not claimed them.

Please make sure all long hair is tied back every day and that no jewelry is worn (stud earrings are acceptable but children must be able to remove them for PE lessons).

Swimming

Year 5 swim this term. Please remember to send children into school with their swimming kit on Thursdays (Beginning on 9th January).

The dates of the swimming lessons are:



Thursday 9 th January	Half Term	Thursday 27 th February
Thursday 16 th January		Thursday 6 th March
Thursday 23 rd January		Thursday 13 th March
Thursday 30 th January		Thursday 20 th March
Thursday 6 th February		
Thursday 13 th February		

Things to bring to school everyday

- A **named** waterproof coat
- A **named** water bottle
- A **named** packed lunch (if not having school meals)
- Reading diary



If you need to talk to us you can often catch us at the beginning of the day to pass on a message e.g. who is picking your child up, however if you need to discuss something where you need more of our time please ring the main office to arrange a meeting.

Best wishes,

Mrs Pendlebury and Miss Hillier