



Class 5 Autumn 2 Term Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. We hope all children and their families had a fun-filled half term and a looking forward to the exciting term ahead. We have a lot of wonderful opportunities to look forward to including our Harry Potter visit, preparations for Christmas and wonderful new topics.

General information:

As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has suitable clothing for both inside and outside of school. Whilst we do have portable heaters around school, it is still a little cooler inside. Jumpers, cardigans and warm coats should be clearly named and brought into school daily please. Could we also remind you about sending in healthy nut-free snacks for break times as sweet treats have been sneaking in! Please no crisps, chocolate, sweets or snacks containing nuts!

All items of clothing - especially jumpers, cardigans and coats - should be named please.

PE sessions:

- **Swimming:** - prior to the half term break, we put a request in to have our Wednesday swimming sessions at Calverton Leisure Centre whilst the work is being done at Southwell. We have not been informed yet if this will go ahead as we are awaiting confirmation of transport. As soon as we know, we will let you know. If it is still not on next week, I will lead a PE session in school on Wednesday.

If we do return to weekly swimming, a reminder that children should wear their PE kit to school this day to make changing easier. Please follow the guidance sent out via the Y5 page earlier in the year regarding goggles, earrings and swimwear. It is advisable that children wear a fleece or coat as they feel the cold more with damp hair.

- **PE in school:** the other PE session will be in school on a Thursday. These will be delivered by our specialised PE coaches. Please could children with long hair bring bobbles, or preferably, have their hair tied back on these days. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons however, if the children cannot remove them for themselves, we kindly ask them not wear them on PE days. If this is not possible, please could you send in tape/plasters for the children to wear over the earrings for the session. Children will need to come to school in their PE kits please.

Our Curriculum

English: Our reading and writing work will focus on Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone this half term. The book tells the magical story of young Harry as he discovers the secrets of his past and ventures to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Children will have the chance to write for a range of purposes and in a variety of styles. Grammar and punctuation objectives will be embedded within writing lessons.

Maths: Key mathematical concepts covered this term include multiplication and division and fractions. Children will also be given plenty of opportunities to develop their mathematical reasoning skills.

Please use TT Rockstars to support your child in learning their times tables and division facts. We cannot stress the importance of rapid recall of multiplication facts particularly in regard to the upcoming maths learning.



Geography:

Children will learn how to read maps and learn the skills to be able to follow routes effectively.

Science: Children will learn about Forces in action and explore gravity, friction, air and water resistance and explore mechanisms including pulleys, levers and gears. They will be planning and carrying out their own investigations and fair tests.

Design Technology: This half term our DT topic is funky furnishing. The children will learn about the history of cushions, analyse and evaluate existing products, learn the skills of sewing, securing fastenings and then design and make their own cushion covers.

RE: This term Class 5's RE unit is 'Incarnation' and we are looking at the big question 'Was Jesus the Messiah?' We will talk about the idea of a 'messiah', or 'saviour', and how this is important in Jewish culture, and was central to Jewish belief in the years that Jesus lived and taught.

PSHE:

This half term, the class will continue to work on families and relationships, focussing on stereotyping, gender, race and religion. They will also spend some time learning about health and well-being, focussing on ways of relaxing, the importance of rest and embracing failure.

Please remember we are always here for you and are happy to discuss any concerns and happy news either over yammer or in person. We hope Class 5 have a wonderfully happy half-term full of enjoyment and inspirational learning.

Kind regards,
Mrs Chadbourne and Mrs Rankin