

3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF CHILDREN IN YEAR 5 – AUTUMN 2

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the half-term break and we are looking forward to the term ahead.

Reading

Our class texts this half term are 'The Lost Happy Endings' and 'The Princess' Blankets' by Carol Ann Duffy and our Guided Reading text is 'Earth's Incredible Places: Everest' by Sangma Francis and Lisk Feng. Please read with your child on a daily basis and make an entry in their reading diary. Book bags and reading diaries should be brought in **every day** to support the Accelerated Reader programme we are running in school. Reading is monitored by teachers weekly and feedback is given to children.

Spellings:

We will continue to work on the statutory word list for Years 3 / 4 and 5 / 6, as well as focusing specifically on: proofreading, building new words from root words, homophones and strategies for learning statutory words. To aid their writing, we will also be practising how to use a dictionary and thesaurus correctly to check spellings and find new vocabulary.

Maths

Please continue to encourage your child to regularly practise their times tables using Times Tables Rockstars. You can access the website via our school website or at: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29424>. Additionally, there are more activities on Education City (<https://go.educationcity.com/>) which will support children with learning their tables.

Home Learning Projects:

This term our Geography project is based on the question 'Why are mountains so important?' and our Science is based on Forces. Please have a look at the home learning document to get some starter ideas for projects that you can complete at home with your child.

PE:

Children will need to wear suitable clothing for PE on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. Monday's lesson will be football or netball, which will be outside, and Wednesday's lesson will be dance or gymnastics which will be inside. 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. Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing for these days, especially as the weather is getting colder.

General reminders:

- Bring in a 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 becomes cooler

We are always happy to speak with parents. Please do catch us at the end of the day if you have a quick question or alternatively contact the office to arrange a meeting with us.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Bright and Mrs MacDonald
Year 5 teachers