

Year 5 Nightingales' Newsletter (Autumn term 1)

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to be welcoming the children back into school and into Year 5. I hope you have all had an enjoyable Summer break and I expect that you are ready for your children to begin socialising and learning in the school environment again with their classmates. It is an awfully long time since the children have all been in school together but I am confident that they will all settle in and we can have a fantastic Year 5. Please do telephone school if you have any questions or queries about anything, I know these are still uncertain times and would be happy to answer your questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gore and Mrs Mayoh.

<u>Class Notices</u>	<u>Our Learning</u>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>P.E.</u></p> <p>PE will be held on Mondays and Thursdays. We are lucky to have an experienced dance teacher, Mrs Bowyer, to be working with us this term. Please could all children have an indoor and outdoor PE kit for these sessions. All PE kit must be clearly labelled and earrings must not be worn for PE (it would be useful if earrings could be removed at home on PE days).</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Assemblies</u></p> <p>Due to current restrictions and guidelines, there will be no whole school assemblies until further notice. All Worship, Picture news and Star assemblies will still happen daily but will be held in class for now. Star certificates will still be awarded on Fridays with the reason for the award written on the back.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water Bottles</u></p> <p>Please provide a water bottle for your child to use in school. This will need to be taken home after each day, washed and re-filled and returned to school the next day.</p>	<p><u>English:</u> We will be writing a story based on the picture book 'Computer Dad'.</p> <p><u>Maths:</u> We will be looking at Place value and moving on to addition and subtraction.</p> <p><u>Science:</u> The focus will be on forces.</p> <p><u>Topic:</u> In History focus will be looking at how The Ancient Maya lived.</p> <p><u>R.E.:</u> We will look at how and why Christians read the bible.</p> <p><u>Spelling:</u> We will continue to learn some of the words and associated spelling rules from the National Curriculum Y5&6 Key Words list.</p> <p><u>Handwriting:</u> We will be following the Nelson Handwriting scheme, ensuring our letter formation and joins are consistent.</p> <p><u>Art:</u> We will be making clay pots/monuments inspired by the Mayans.</p> <p><u>Music:</u> We will be listening to Indian music with a focus on Rhythm.</p> <p><u>Computing:</u> We will begin by looking at Internet Safety and will move on to Grouping and Sorting and Pictograms using the Purple Mash software.</p> <p><u>French:</u> Our topics will be called A l'ecole - at school and Les objets de la classe - classroom objects.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>At Home</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Homework</u></p> <p>Homework is given out on a Friday and is due in the following Tuesday. Homework will alternate between English and Mathematics but could also feature History, Geography, Science or project work.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Spellings</u></p> <p>Spellings will also be given out on a Friday and tested <u>the following Friday.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Due to the current situation, planners and reading books will be checked and changed on Mondays only for Year 5. If your child has a note that you wish me to see please ask them to leave their planner open on their desk so that I can read it. Please ensure you continue to read with your child at least 3 times a week and sign and record in your child's planner to let us know they have read and we can update the reading chart. If your child completes a book before book changing day, they can write a review of the book or read something of their own at home.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Times Table Challenge</u></p> <p>KS2 children will continue to participate in Times Table Challenge on a Thursday. Please take any opportunity to practise times tables with your child as this knowledge is crucial for working at the required standard in year 5 Mathematics. Times table facts need to be known in reverse (division) and also in missing number sentences, in order for children to pass a level.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Diary Dates</u></p> <p>Diary dates will be confirmed and released as restrictions and government guidance are updated. You will be notified in advance via text or email as soon as we are updated and can plan more events.</p>