



Friday 3rd September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class Rowling, we hope that your Summer has been enjoyable and we are looking forward to seeing the children in school on Monday.

Mrs Carter will be teaching on a Monday and Tuesday and Mrs Fisher on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The Year 5 team will be supported by Mrs Odell every day, as well as Mrs Phipps, who will be teaching French. You will find a copy of our proposed timetable in the 'Classwork' section of Google Classroom, Rowling 21. To access our new online classroom login into your Google account through your current username and password and click 'Join'. Please remember not to change any passwords.

**Curriculum:** During this half term, there will be a history focus on Britain's settlements by the Anglo-Saxons and Scots, followed next half term by a geographical focus on developing the children's understanding of some key geographical features of North and South America. In science, initially we will be investigating forces, which will lead into enhancing the children's understanding of our solar system.

**PE:** PE will be on **Mondays and Thursdays** as highlighted in yellow on the timetable: **children MUST wear their PE kit to school on these days!** Their kit should consist of a white t-shirt, dark shorts or tracksuit bottoms, plimsolls or trainers and their **school sweatshirt**.

**Reading:** Children should be reading on a daily basis at home on their own and regularly with an adult (this remains vital to their reading development). We will be expecting three entries in their records each week to show they have been reading at home. Parents and carers should encourage children to discuss reading materials: considering the meaning of words, actions of characters, the effect of settings and the layout of different texts. Reading aloud gives children the opportunity to practise intonation, using the punctuation for effect and showing their understanding of characters. The children will have a reading scheme book for this purpose, and will need to bring this to school, along with their reading record, each day. Reading records will be checked every **Monday**.

**Spellings:** Children will explore spelling patterns, and exceptions to these, on a daily basis in class. To consolidate their skills, children will be expected to complete a weekly challenge set on Google Classroom and accessed via Spelling Shed. Some children may be given additional spelling challenges to secure previously learnt rules. Your child will have mini tests during the week to check they have retained new and previously learnt patterns. There is no longer a spelling book that comes home. Within school time, we will be revising and extending the children's understanding of spelling patterns and exceptions to these.

**Maths Homework:** Times table activities will be completed regularly therefore your child should be practising these to help improve their recall speed - this is beneficial to so many areas in maths. Specific challenges will be set through Maths Shed. We will also be sending out weekly maths, based on previous teaching, which will be signposted on Google Classroom. Activities will be set on a Friday to be handed in for the following Wednesday. This homework gives you and your child an opportunity to practise and share the strategies that they are learning within school.

**Learning Log:** Details about learning log homework will be sent out later this term after the children have had time to settle in.

Children should bring a named water bottle, that is initially filled at home, to school throughout the week. This will be kept on their desk throughout the day for them to be able to keep hydrated. A healthy snack can be brought into school to be eaten at break time - please remember no nuts.

To give you some further information about what to expect in Year 5, we will be holding a parents' information evening on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September between 5pm and 5.30pm: more information with regard to this will follow via Parentmail. If in the meantime, you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Carter (on Mondays and Tuesdays) or Mrs Fisher (on Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays).

Kind regards,

The Year 5 Team

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