

Year 5

Spring Term 1

Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons have started for Hawk class this term. Swan Class will begin their lessons once Hawk Class have finished. A letter will be sent out in due course.



Homework

The children will continue to have weekly spellings to learn (set on a Friday) which will include words from the no nonsense spelling lists and sometimes subject specific vocabulary. The children will be given a spelling quiz on the following Friday.

In addition, the children will have Maths, English and Reading/spelling activities set every week (Reading and spelling activities will be on alternate weeks although the children will still be expected to learn their spellings weekly). This will be set on a Friday on Google Classroom and must be handed in on the following Wednesday. Hard copies will be available.

Equipment for School

Please continue to provide your child with a **named** water bottle every day, as water is essential to keep your child's brain 'switched on'. Please ensure that all stationery is provided and is clearly labelled. **We have recently noticed that many children are coming to school without the correct stationery.** We do have stationery in school for children so please let us know if you are struggling to provide it. Earrings need to be removed on P.E. days for your child's safety.

Reading at home

At present, we are continuing to encourage the children to read for pleasure. We ask that the children read for 10 minutes every night and that parents talk to the children about what they have read. There is a log on Marvellous Me to log reading, which we would encourage you to use. Reading at home can include anything that interests your child. This could include magazines, newspapers or a book that they have read even if it isn't their school book.

Subject	Focus
English	Our text this half term in both English and Reading lessons is a text called 'Spy Master First Blood'. In English, the children have already completed an elicitation and after studying the book in both English and Reading lessons, they will be completing a narrative piece of writing, learning the key features to embed into this piece of writing as we progress through the lessons. In Reading lessons, we will be answering a variety of different VIPERS questions on the text as well as studying different comprehension texts related to the Tudor era.
Mathematics	We will begin with multiplication and division written methods and we then will progress onto Geometry – position and direction.
Science	We will be investigating and finding out the properties of different materials.
R.E.	We will be looking at exploring the question, 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?'. We will then consider how Christians view God to be loving and holy whilst exploring the features of churches. We will also be studying the Bible to see how God is portrayed.
Art/DT	In Art, we will be exploring local architecture and creating a piece in the style of a relevant artist. In DT, we will be making sock puppets and our focus will be on sewing. <i>Please can I ask that children bring in an old shirt that they can use for ART and DT clearly named!</i>
Theme	In Theme we will be learning about the Tudors in particular paying close attention to the Tudors monarchs, how they ruled and what they achieved.
I.C.T.	We will be looking at coding and developing these skills alongside designing our own simple games on Purple Mash.
P.E.	In P.E, we are developing Hockey skills and learning Bollywood dances.
Music	The children will be exploring the music of South and West Africa including learning African songs.

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