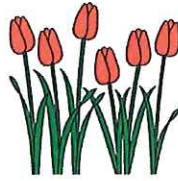


Spring Term - Year 5



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school and the new term. We hope you have had a lovely Christmas and New Year. This is just a reminder about a few things and to tell you about what has been planned for your child this term.

Topic

Our new topic for the Spring Term is 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. We will be investigating the changes that occurred from the Stone Age, through the Bronze Age to the Iron Age. Through this topic we will be looking at



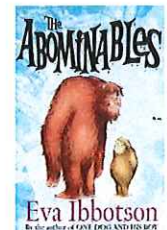
artefacts as evidence to help make assumptions about life during these vast time periods. We will also look at the development from hunter-gatherers to farming, the changes in materials used for tools and houses as well as focusing on key

discoveries such as Skara Brae and The Amesbury Archer and what they can tell us.



English

In English, we will be focusing on a book called The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson. Set in the Himalayan peaks of Nanvi Dar, we will be using this text to create a newspaper article, descriptive writing, a persuasive advert and a non-chronological report.



Practical information

The children should arrive at school by 9 am but are encouraged to come in at 8:50 am as early morning activities will help them to settle quickly and get their brains in to action!

It is important for children to drink water throughout the day. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. It is also really helpful if every bottle is clearly labelled. Please can you remind your child to take their bottle home every night for washing and refilling.

PE



This term, one of Year 5's PE sessions will be swimming at the leisure centre. This will commence on **18th January** and will continue every Wednesday until the end of term. Please ensure that your

child brings their swimming kit to school on the appropriate days. Labelled PE kits should be in school every day, please. Our regular PE day will Thursday. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that during the colder months, pupils can bring in tracksuits for outdoor PE. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered. We would be grateful if you could supply your child with micro-pore or similar if they need to cover earrings.

Brass Instruments

For the next ten weeks, Year 5 will be receiving tuition for a brass instrument, beginning 13th January. This will recap and follow on from the tuition received in Year 4. Every child will have the opportunity to practise their instrument at home after a loan agreement has been completed. (Further details to follow.)



Homework

A few reminders about homework. My Maths homework will be set online every Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Spelling homework will be given out on Fridays to be completed for the following Friday. Guided reading homework is given out on your child's guided reading day and should be returned by the same day the following week. Although children in Year 5 are encouraged to read independently, I would urge you to continue listening to your child read whenever possible as fluency is an essential part of reading and helps comprehension.



Planners should be in school every day and children are encouraged to make comments about what they are reading in them. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate in contacting us or you could leave a note in your child's planner. We will check each child's planner at least once a week on their guided reading day.

We look forward to a fabulous spring term with you and your child. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Miss McArdle and Mrs Bain

