

Welcome Back Year 5

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to a new term. I hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break. I would like to thank you for the kind Christmas gifts, cards and wishes you sent.

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 using 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.



Shakespeare

In English we will be focusing on the work of William

Shakespeare, in particular Macbeth. We will be using

dramatic conventions to gain an understanding of the text

and it's main themes, creating spells as well as writing in role

as the characters. 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes will be another text we will concentrate on where we will develop an understanding of the narrative and focus on the language used.

Practical information

The children should arrive at school by 9 am, but are encouraged to come in at 8:50 am in order to start their day well with early morning activities. The register will be taken at 9 am. Children should have a labelled water bottle in school.

On Thursday 22nd January we excited to be going to The New Vic Theatre to see The Borrowers. We will be returning to school at

5.00pm. Please could any outstanding permission slips be returned to school.

PE

PE lessons are on Thursdays. However, please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day. Kit should be taken home over the weekend to be washed. Tracksuits may be sent in when the weather is cold. Children should not wear any jewellery during these lessons and all earrings must either be taken out or covered with micropore tape provided by you.



From Thursday 15th January until Thursday 2nd April we will be swimming as part of the PE curriculum. Please could you return any outstanding permission slips as soon as possible.

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 need to 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 me or you could leave a note in your child's planner. I will check each child's planner at least once a week on their guided reading day.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully
Miss C Robinson