

Welcome Back Year 5

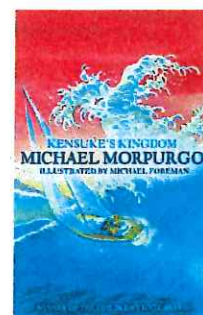
Dear Parents/ Carers,



Once again, welcome back to a new term in Year 5. I hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready for the Summer term.

Topic

Our new topic for the Summer term will be focused on the Michael Morpurgo text 'Kensuke's Kingdom'. In English we will be using this amazing story to create a newspaper report about Michael's disappearance, write diary entries as the characters as well as consider the advantages and disadvantages of sailing around the world. We will also be using the sea as a stimulus for writing poetry.



Through this topic we will be using globes and atlases to develop map reading skills and gain an understanding of the significance of the markings on maps such as the longitude and latitude lines. We will plot Michael's journey on a world map, research the countries he visited and create multimedia presentations about animals that he encountered. We will be investigating suitable materials for creating a raft or boat as well as making comparisons between Kensuke's home of Japan and the UK.



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.

PE

PE lessons are on Fridays and 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.



Homework

A few reminders about homework. My Maths homework will be set online every Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

Multiplication tables (2to12) remain vitally important for good progress in maths so it is essential that your child is practising them regularly. Also on Friday, spelling homework

will be given out which should 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 as well as asking them questions about the text to develop comprehension skills.

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