

Welcome Back Year 5



Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school and the new term. I hope you have had a lovely Easter. This is just a reminder about a few things and information for you about what has been planned for your child for the final term of Year 5.

Topic

Our new topic for the Summer 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.



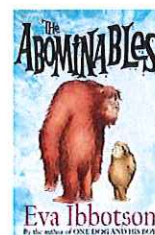
We will also look at the development from hunter-gatherers to farming, the changes

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.



English

In English, we will be focusing on a book called The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson which is 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, especially now the weather is becoming warmer. Therefore, children may bring in bottles of water each day so long as the bottle has a secure lid. Please can you remind your child to take their bottle home every night for washing and refilling.

Please try to make sure that all your child's clothes are clearly labelled with their name. It's during this time of year, when jumpers are taken off, that they are lost or misplaced! Any lost property can then be easily identified.

PE

PE lessons have now changed to Mondays and Wednesdays. 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. Could you please ensure that your child has appropriate footwear for these lessons. It is not safe for your child to participate in PE lessons in their school shoes/boots. 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.



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 sincerely

Miss A McArdle