

WEEKLY BULLETIN



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16th September 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope you and the children enjoyed their first full week back last week!

Now that everything has been confirmed with the timetable for this term, we have given the children a copy of the year 5 timetable which they have stuck into the inside cover of their homework journal. Please refer to this during the term to find out when your child will need their PE kits for dance and games.

We have had a rethink about the homework for this term and have made a few changes. Please see below the amended days and types of homework that we will be giving out. As we will be teaching the week's SPaG every Monday, we feel it would be best if the children were given this homework on Monday along with their spellings. We think it would be best if they are able to apply their learning as soon after it's been taught as possible. This means they will not receive any homework on Tuesday as they will have already been given it the day before.

As well as the homework listed below, please can you also include another task to be completed this week – to cover your child's homework journal! It can be covered in clear plastic, wrapping paper, whatever takes their (or your!) fancy. This will help it to remain tidy for the duration of its use.

Homework

Monday: Spellings to learn for Friday's test and to be written into sentences (due in by Thursday)

Tuesday: SPaG work (due on Thursday)

Wednesday: Maths (Usually this will be a computerised homework from Matific, however this week the children will receive a paper copy of their maths homework.)

Friday: French homework set by Madame Al'Kattan

Spellings: Our spelling pattern this week is focusing on the suffix -ible, children are to follow the read, say, cover, write approach to write the word 3 times in best handwriting. They are also to write the spellings into sentences to show they have comprehended the meaning of each word. Children will have a spelling test every Friday morning on that week's list.

SPaG: This week we will continue to focus on adjectives and nouns. Their homework sheet can either be stuck into their homework journal or the work can be written into their book if you feel they need practice with their handwriting. This is to be handed in, in their homework journal, by Thursday.

Maths: This week the children will have a homework sheet to complete on rounding.

Reading: Children are encouraged to read for 20 minutes a day. Please ensure that they are reading their school reading book as this comes from the school's reading scheme, in particular from the level their assessment has stated they should be reading at.

We are currently undertaking new reading assessments of each child, however this is a rather lengthy process and as yet we have not allocated new levels. Please rest assured that your child will be assessed and given either a new level of book to read, or continue on the same level they finished year 4 on, within the next few weeks.

If your child is asking for additional reading books and you are unsure as to which books are suitable for their age, please see this website for a list of age-appropriate books.

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/reading-lists-for-ks2-school-pupils/suggested-reading-list-for-year-5-pupils-ks2-age-9-10>

This week's spellings are as follows:

Group A
Words with endings that sound like shuhs (spelt with -tious or -ious)
ambitious
cautious
fictitious
infectious
nutritious
contentious
superstitious
pretentious
anxious
obnoxious

*All spelling patterns, which we concentrate on, have been taken directly from English appendix 1 of the national curriculum for year 5/6

If you ever have any questions or feel you need to talk to us about your child, and catching up with us at the end of the day won't give you enough time to speak to us fully, please make an appointment with the office. We always have an 'open door' and want you to feel able to speak freely with us whenever you feel you need to.

We have some rather exciting news to add to the end of this week's letter. We have arranged a date for our first class assembly...already! It is going to take place next week on **Tuesday 24th September at 9am**. Please come along if you are able to, as we know how much the children love sharing their learning with you.

Yours Sincerely

Mr and Mrs Tapping