



Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome back to school and a very Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and enjoyed your break with your family and friends. We would also like to say a huge thank you for the gifts we received at the end of term - it was greatly appreciated. We have talked about our New Year's Resolutions and are looking forward to a happy and healthy new year ahead.

Here are the curriculum areas to be covered this term:



Our main topic this term is *Sow, Grow and Farm*. It is really interesting geography-based topic.

The children will learn about allotments in the United Kingdom and how the government encouraged people to have them to support food rationing during the Second World War. They will learn about the benefits of eating seasonally and the pros and cons of importing food and how Fairtrade works.

In Science, the children will be learning about animal and plant life cycles, food webs and farming in modern Britain. They will investigate the different ways that plants reproduce and will dissect flowering plants to identify the different structures.

We are planning to visit Rand Farm this term, where the children will be able to bottle feed new-born lambs and watch a cow being milked amongst other exciting things during the day!

In English, the children will be writing non chronological reports, diaries and balanced arguments, which will be linked to our topic '*Sow, Grow and Farm*'.

We will continue with our handwriting and spelling practice. Please make sure you child practices their spellings, which are given on Monday for a test on Friday. Thanks.

We would love Year 5 to be the FAB4 champions! Please encourage your child to read every night and remember to sign their diaries. We will check their totals every Monday.

In Maths, there will be a focus on multiplication/division, percentages/decimals and perimeter/ area. Please continue to support your child to regularly rehearse their times tables knowledge. By Year 5 children are expected to know all of their tables and be able to recall them at speed.



The children will be continuing with the Music provided by Mrs Stanton this term.

PE this term will be on Monday and Thursday. The focus is yoga, hockey, dodgeball and OAA (outdoor activities). Remember to have the correct PE kit - black shorts and white T shirts.

In Art, we will be looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy and his use of nature to make sketches and sculptures.

Homework is issued every Friday, which will be a Maths and English task. This which will be due in the following Wednesday. Please ensure your child returns this.

Bikeability starts in March, for the children who signed up to the scheme, further details will follow.

We are really excited about the topics this term and looking forward to our learning. As always, if you know of any contacts or have any ideas that will help with any of our topics this term, we would love to hear from you!

Thank you for your continued support - any worries or concerns, no matter how big or small, please do catch us on the playground at the end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mr Jones and Mrs Cooper.