Happy New Year!

We would like to take the opportunity to wish you all a 'Happy New Year'. Last term was a busy one with the children really enjoying our topic on rivers where they made some fantastic model bridges as part of our Design Technology lessons.

English

We will be focusing on the fantastic book 'Oranges in No Man’s Land' by Elizabeth Laird this half term.

We will be reading this book chapter by chapter to help keep the children engaged so please don't get the book from the library and read ahead. Reading the story chapter by chapter also helps the children develop their inference skills and allows them to make predictions based on the text. The children will be writing diary entries from the perspectives of different characters and then an alternative ending to the story.

Maths

In our sets this half term, we will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, fractions, decimals, and shape!

We actively encourage the children to continue to practise their times tables as by Year 5, the children should know all their tables and corresponding division facts in and out of order.

Snack reminder...

The children have an action packed morning at school each day, completing two lessons before breaktime. Please ensure your child has a healthy snack at breaktime to keep them alert and ready to learn.

CONGRATULATIONS...to all children who applied for a position at the school bank. Sandra, from HSBC was very impressed with the quality of applications that she decided to pick two teams. Well done to the children below.

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Useful Information

This half term our topic is the ’Groovy Greeks’. The children will be looking at Greek life, their achievements and their influence on the Western World.

In Art the children will be designing and making their own printed pattern. They will also sketch moving figures using their sketches to create a print.

Our PSHE topic this half term is going for goals.

In Science we will be looking at the changes of human development and comparing this to animals.

PE will continue to take place every week with an indoor and, where possible, outdoor session. This term we will focus on tennis and gymnastics.

In RE the children will be learning about Buddhism.

In French we will be looking at the language associated with seasons.

In Computing the children will be creating a multimedia presentation using PowerPoint.

Reading: Children will be coming home with reading books regularly. Please continue to encourage your children to read at home. Please initial their entries to show that you have heard or seen them read.

Homework will continue to be set on Fridays and we ask that it is returned by the following Wednesday. We do expect children’s homework to be presented neatly. Please sign completed homework and add any comments if necessary.

Spellings will continue to be sent out and tested on Fridays and children will be encouraged to practise these whenever possible.

If you have any queries or concerns please contact us.
The Year 5 Team