

## **Information for Year 5 Parents**

### **Spring Term Newsletter 2021**

Welcome back to Year 5, we hope that you all had a fantastic holiday break. Here is the Spring Term newsletter to let you know about the work we shall be doing in class, important dates and other helpful information. Accompanying this letter will be a curriculum overview of the term, which will give you an outline of what your child will be covering.

#### **Important Dates:**

- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Break up for half term
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February - Back to school
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March - Reports out
- Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> - Break up for Easter

#### **COVID-19:**

In the event of a bubble closure, the year group will resort to home learning. English, Maths, Arithmetic and afternoon activities will be provided for each day that the school/bubble has closed. Home learning tasks will be uploaded onto the Year 5 hub and daily learning videos will be uploaded onto Seesaw. Your child must upload their work onto Seesaw each day so that their class teacher can check and mark.

If you or your child develops symptoms, please isolate and get a test.

#### **Homework:** *(in accordance with government legislation)*

Daily reading practice of approximately 30 minutes is the year group target. Children can read anything they wish, but a variety of choice is recommended i.e. magazines, story book, encyclopedia etc. Please encourage your child to discuss their choice of text with you, answering questions, thinking about the text and meaning. Reading can be done independently, reading with an adult or being read to. Children will also be allocated books weekly from Bug Club as part of their reading homework and their reading at home will be analysed from the data which the programme will collect. All students can log onto Bug Club by using their individual passwords which they will be given by their teachers. We will be using reading logs to track each student's reading record.

#### **English/Topic.**

This will be a task related to the English/Topic work we are completing in class. This will sometimes be a project set over a number of weeks.

#### **Maths.**

This will be a short task that will act as a consolidation or pre-requisite to the topic we are covering in class. This will often be work set on Mathletics. We shall also ask for the children to continue learning their times tables.

#### **Spellings.**

The children will choose a list on the homework and be tested in class.

Homework will be issued on Fridays and we would like the task to be uploaded before each Wednesday for marking (please feel free to write any comments on Seesaw).

Please note that homework can be accessed through the school website. The address is [www.danegroveschool.co.uk](http://www.danegroveschool.co.uk) . This is where you will also find copies of our year group newsletter and a curriculum overview.

**Homework club** is run on Tuesday, where the children can attend and receive extra time and help from a member of staff. They will also have access to the I.C.T suite, where they can use the computers accordingly.

**General information:**

Please ensure children come to school wearing the correctly **named** school uniform, which includes black school shoes. Trainers are not allowed, except for outdoor P.E. and during lunch break. If your child comes to school wearing trainers they will be asked to 'borrow' a pair of plimsoles from Mrs. Metcalf for the day.

Please ensure your child is in school by 8.55am. If your child is late, they need to sign the register at the office with Mrs. Moretti. If your child is going to be absent, please phone the office or write a letter, especially if your child walks alone. The school number is **0208 449 4024** (the telephone is answered from 8.30am onwards).

The correct **P.E. kit** should be in school every day and will be sent home with the children at the end of each half term to be 'freshened up!' Please remember that we do not allow any named label brands to be worn at school, the kit should be a plain white/blue t-shirt, shorts, tracksuit bottoms and plimsoles or trainers (outdoor P.E. only). Please note, that anyone who has forgotten their kit can borrow the school's spare P.E. kit which is kept outside the year 6 classrooms. Although we have timetabled days for P.E., there are occasions where a coach comes in or it rains on the day, so we often try to fit it in at another time, therefore kits being in school for the whole term is beneficial to the children.

**Our P.E days are:**

**5LG - Tuesday and Thursday**

**5TS - Wednesday and Thursday**

**5ML - Tuesday and Thursday**

Many thanks for reading this term's newsletter; we hope to have a fantastic term, where the children will be working very hard. Please remember, if you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to speak to Miss Grogan, Mr Langley or Mr Stetton.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team