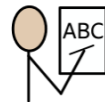


Farah Class Newsletter Autumn Term

A very warm welcome back to all our Year 5 children and families. We hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. We are excited to begin a new school year filled with engaging learning opportunities, exciting experiences, and plenty of opportunities for growth.

General information:

Drop off / collection 	Gates will be open in the morning between 8.35 and 8.45 for drop off to classrooms. Gates will reopen in the afternoon at 3.10 for a 3.15 finish. If someone other than the adults given permission on MCAS will be collecting your child, please inform the school prior to pick up time.
PE 	PE will be taking place on Wednesday and Thursday, this will be outdoors where possible, so please send appropriate kit. Please remember hair ties for long hair, earrings must be removed for PE. If wearing tights, please also remember to pack a pair of socks There will be some enrichment afternoons throughout the year – information about dates will be given when appropriate to our class.
Homework 	Homework will be given out on Friday and collected in on Wednesday The children will receive Maths, English and spellings each week. If they need any help with this, please ask them to speak to their class teacher who will be happy to help.
Reading (KS2) 	The expectation is to read at home at least 3 times a week (but preferably every night). Reading books will be changed once the children have finished a book and taken an Accelerated reading test. Please use the reading diaries for any reading completed at home. An adult must sign the reading diary (the children can write in the page numbers they have read). If you are choosing books from home, please ensure these are within your child's book band on AR (you can check books by logging on to the Accelerated Reader website). If the book level is too low, the children will not be increasing their vocabulary or comprehension skills, and if it is too high, the children will struggle to understand the writing.
Spellings 	Spellings will be given out on Friday and tested on the next Friday. Children should practise each evening so that they become embedded in their memory.

Curriculum information:

English 	The books we will be using as the stimulus for our writing this term are: Call Of the Wild by Jack London and a non-fiction text about Mining.
Geography 	In geography the children will look at how mining has changed in the U.K and the effect it has had on the country. They will then have the opportunity to contrast this to gold mining in the USA and cobalt mining in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
Science 	In science we will be learning about electricity and circuits and how they work.
RE 	In RE we will be learning about creativity and how it relates to the major world religions.

Curriculum information for all subjects is available on the school website <https://www.swineshead.lincs.sch.uk/> This includes key policies and each subject's intent. Also, how learning progresses across year groups and medium-term plans outlining the rationale of 'Why this and why now' Please visit the curriculum sections for full and up to date details.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you,

Mr Cook, Miss Chandler and Mrs Chitty