



YEAR FIVE
SPRING
NEWSLETTER

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
ENGLAND

Dear Families,

The children have come back to school after their Christmas break in a great frame of mind for learning. They are focused and have settled immediately back into their work. We have started our spring term topic 'Happy Birthday England' and the children are really enthusiastic about the topic. We have already started to look at the origins of England as a country and King Cnut as its first monarch. There are lots more exciting things to come, including trips out and visitors coming into school. We would also love to have any parents, friends or relatives in who could further enhance this topic for the children in any way. We're sure we will all thoroughly enjoy this topic. Please see the curriculum overview (attached) for more details.

Our weekly maths and literacy home learning has started again and we would like to take this opportunity to encourage all of the children to complete these home learning tasks as they do support and supplement work we complete in class. It is also good preparation for the children before they move into Year 6 and then onto their chosen Secondary School.

We will stick to handing out maths and literacy home learning on a Thursday and they will be due in on the following Wednesday. Spelling home learning will continue to be given out on a Monday and due in on a Friday. The children will also have a homework grid for this term, if they wish to complete extra activities at home. To reward the children who always present home learning on time and bring in evidence of their extra activities from the homework grid, dojos and rewards will be given.

Our emphasis on the children learning and reciting poetry/verse will also be something we will continue to encourage. Children may also be asked to complete home learning on a topic prior to exploring it more thoroughly in the classroom. There is also a greater emphasis on learning times tables, as your child is expected to know these by heart by the end of key stage two, and homework tasks will reflect this. We thank you as families, for your help and support in this area. In the second half of this term we will also be setting the children another oracy presentation activity; more information will follow later.

Finally, we would like to remind you that P.E kit needs to be in school all week, as the children's P.E days will vary this term. This is due to Global Rock and the children all getting the opportunity to have football coaching. A number of the children still don't have their P.E kit when it is required and it really does affect the lessons if a number of children can't take part.

We would like to finish by thanking you for your continued support. Please remember that we are always available if you ever have any concerns.

Thank You, the Year 5 Team