



# Summer term newsletter: Year 5!

## Dear Families

Welcome back everyone to the start of a new term at Lanesend. The Summer term brings an exciting new topic which celebrates 1900 years of history of the UNESCO World Heritage Site and the beginning of construction of Hadrian's Wall. We will be doing **Watersports** on Friday afternoons, for those signed up, starting on June 17th and running for 6 weeks. Watersports will count as our PE lesson for this period of time, combined with the walk to and from UKSA.

## The Curriculum

This term's topic is called 'Another Brick in the Wall'. We will be exploring the Big Question 'Walls: Barrier or Protection?' The curriculum will include opportunities to learn about famous walls all over the world and whether they were constructed for protection or put there as a barrier. This will include opportunities to explore; how levers and pulleys are used to transport materials for walls and the significance and reasoning behind historic walls— including Berlin and Hadrian's wall. We will also be developing our artistic skills within textiles and sculpture and even having a go at graffiti!



## Numeracy

Maths will continue to be taught daily in targeted groups with mini focus groups running in our shared area, as well as within the classrooms, to provide additional support to a range of children. This term we are also trialling a new system of shorter sessions spread throughout the day to promote the children's confidence and abilities in their memory recall. We are still promoting children's confidence in multiplication tables at every opportunity as these are so vital to their mathematical calculations. Please help your children master these skills—daily practice is essential, both at home and in school, to help children who are struggling with these skills. Timestables Rockstars is a great way to complete this!



## Home Learning

We will continue to set this via Dojo portfolios, with different subjects set on different days. We would love to see as many children as possible participating in these exciting challenges which we will share in celebration assemblies on a Thursday. We do not mind if these are completed virtually, printed or drawn up from the task on Dojo, we will promote and celebrate any engagement with these learning challenges! Children can also bring home books to enjoy and share with you at home if they have signed the book contract. Spelling practice is also encouraged at home and we can send home our Pointless Spellings sheets. Also don't forget to use 'Reading Eggs', 'Timestable Rockstars' and the 'Spelling and Maths Shed' as often as you can—logins for Timestable Rockstars and Reading Eggs are on Dojo portfolio for every class.

Subject	Set	Due
Maths	Fri	Mon
English	Mon	Thurs
Topic	Thurs	Thurs

## Clothing and equipment

Please can you remind your child that no toys or stationery should be brought into school. Children should be wearing school uniform every day, including wearing a school zoodie or slip. Please remember our uniform policy is black shoes or trainers. **Separate** trainers are required for PE days. Please let us know if there is a particular difficulty on any day with your child's uniform.

## Watersports

In preparation for this in Summer 2, please start considering the kit list (**please don't buy new as many things will already be suitable from home**):

- An **old** pair of trainers/ water shoes (not flip-flops) for use in the water.
- A labelled water bottled.
- A towel.
- A rash vest or t-shirt to wear under wet suit.
- A swimsuit to wear.



As always, please do reach out to us and do not hesitate to contact us on Class Dojo with any questions, or to share any extra home learning!

Miss Jones, Miss Dove, Miss Adams and Mr Andre.

The Year 5 Team



