



Tuesday 20th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting term in Year 5. The children have arrived focused and enthusiastic to learn and we are looking forward to a busy term ahead. Our key question this term is:

How do forests in England compare to the forests in Scandinavia?

In this geography topic, we will embark on a fascinating journey of discovery by locating Scandinavian countries on a world map and identifying some of its main features through exploring a variety of images and online mapping. We will also learn about Scandinavian biomes along with the climate and weather of Scandinavia and then use this knowledge to compare and contrast forests in England to those in Scandinavia.

Science

In Science, children will be learning about **Earth and Space** and children will have the opportunity to visit a mobile planetarium on Science Day (Wednesday 6th March).

Project

Last term, we were impressed by how hard children had worked to create some truly creative and imaginative projects. Thank you to all of the families who support their children in completing high quality homework and projects. The topic for our project this term is **Earth and Space** and children can choose from one of the following for their projects:

- Research and create a factfile about the solar system.
- A powerpoint presentation about planets, phases of the moon, asteroids or meteorites. Children should avoid putting too much writing on the slides – instead they should use bullet points, pictures and prompts on the slides to expand on each bullet point in their own words).
- A non-chronological report explaining moon landings, latest discoveries about the solar system.
- A poster/ a minibook /a leaflet about the formation of day and night and seasons.
- Create a piece of art/3D model about the solar system/ night and day/seasons.
- A factfile about an astronaut of their choice such as Neil Armstrong, Sally Ride or Tim Peake.
- A letter from Mars to your friend explaining what life is like on Mars.

Projects should be brought into school on **Monday 18th March 2024** for sharing in class.

PE

PE lessons this term are on **Mondays and Fridays**. On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kits instead of their usual school uniform. Track suits (navy or black) with trainers and sweatshirts for outdoor PE would be great!

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Homework

Please find below the homework timetable for this term, with deadlines and the teacher responsible. In case a homework sheet is lost or misplaced, there are spares available in class.

Day homework set	Subject	Teacher in charge and deadlines
Ongoing activities	Reading	At least 3 times a week with an entry made in Home/School diary by parents/ carers or children themselves for every time they read. Home/School diary checked by Mrs Omar every Monday.
	Termly Project	Due on: Monday 18th March 2024 (Mrs Omar)
	TT Rockstars	Once a week. (Mrs Omar)
Tuesday Maths and English homework will be given on alternate weeks.	Maths	Due in: Monday (Mrs Omar)
	English	Due in: Monday (Mr Vaughan)
Wednesday	Spellings	Spelling test every Wednesday (Mrs Omar) ED-Shed (optional) to practise spellings

Your continued support at home with your child's learning is very much appreciated as time spent helping them with reading, spelling, timetables and other homework activities enables them to make good progress during the year.

Uniform

The usual uniform rules continue to apply – jewellery (except earring studs), nail polish and make-up must not be worn. Please see school website for details.

Class DOJO

Class DOJO will be used by the teachers for communicating reminders and information about whole school and class activities. We also use Class DOJO to send individual messages to parents. A polite reminder that information such as absences or changes in pick-up arrangements should go to the school office as it is not possible to receive and respond to messages either in teaching time or during evenings/weekends.

And Finally...

Please do not hesitate to come and speak to a member of Year 5 team if you have any queries or concerns.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs N Omar and Mr J Vaughan and Miss Bennett.

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