

Welcome to Year 5

Autumn Term 2017 Newsletter

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WHERE WE ALWAYS REACH FOR THE CLOUDS!

Welcome back from the Summer Break and into Year 5! I have no doubt that we are going to have a fantastic year together, starting from day one! We have a fantastic topic this term about crime and punishment to look forward to, some great trips booked and most importantly, a class of absolutely fantastic children! If you ever have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch. I am also an avid user of Marvellous Me, so if you're not already, get signed up to hear more about how your child is doing in Year 5!

Homework Rewards!

We are again having a big push in school this term on ensuring that **EVERY** child is doing their homework so that they can get the rewards for this at the end of term. In Year 4, there was a massive improvement in the number of children doing their homework OR increasing how often they do this, so a big WELL DONE! The rewards are as follows: **READING**—Each week your child reads at home and returns their reading records signed **FOUR TIMES**, they earn £1 to spend at Waterstones. **TIMES TABLES** - Each week your child practices a times table at home, they earn **ONE TOKEN** to spend at the treat shop on rewards day. **SPELLINGS**—Each week your child has work in the home section of their spelling books, they can earn up to **TWO MINUTES** of bouncy castle time.

CRIME & PUNISHMENT

VILE VILLIANS

Our topic this term in Year 5 is one that the children always love - Vile Villains. In this topic, we will learn about famous criminals throughout British history, so that we can see how the crimes they committed and the punishments they received have changed over time. The topic also gives us a chance to look at whether all crime is bad, what we mean by good and evil as well as modern crime such as terrorism and cyber-crime. Some of the historical criminals that the children have said they would like to learn more about include Mary Ann Cotton, Richard III, Guy Fawkes and Burke and Hare. Our post-learning project for this topic will be to hold a trial for each of the criminals we have learnt about, to decide which ones are guilty and which ones may have had sincere motives.





WATER BOTTLES

A reminder that as a school, we encourage the children to bring a bottle of water to school to keep them hydrated. This will be particularly important this term, as so long as the weather allows us, we will be doing PE outside and our classroom can get very warm in the summer months!

PE KITS

This term in Year 5, we will be doing PE on a Monday and a Wednesday. We will be doing games over this term such as end zone and volleyball. For as long as possible until the weather is too bad, we will be doing PE outside, so your child will need a PE kit that is suitable for outdoors - the usual t-shirt and shorts with tracksuit bottoms and a hoody, would be ideal. Please ensure your child has their kit in school, as it significantly delays the start of the lesson if we have to find spare kit for them to use.



OUR AUTUMN TERM CLASS NOVEL

YOUNG SHERLOCK: DEATH CLOUD

Linked to our topic about crime and punishment, our class novel this term is *Young Sherlock: Death Cloud*, by Andrew Lane. The novel tells the story of a teenage Sherlock Holmes, before he became the most famous detective in the world. While spending the summer with his Aunt, Sherlock stumbles upon his first ever case, in which bodies are found throughout the town and always accompanied by a mysterious black cloud. The novel is excellent and will grip the children from the start. It will give us great material for our reading work in class.

CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Friday, we will crown our first class champion of the year. To win, your child needs to earn the most CREDITs in the class. We hit the ground running this morning to see who really has what it takes to win! I have attached another copy of the **CHAMPIONSHIP** information sheet that was sent home before the summer, so that everyone knows what you need to do in order to win some special perks and prizes!



FRANCE INFORMATION!

A reminder that although it may seem a long time away, the France Residential takes place in June 2018. The final balance for the residential will need to be paid before the visit. You are welcome to either pay in larger amounts or in small amounts throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions or queries!

COMPETITIVENESS-OUR BIG FOCUS THIS TERM!

As you will see from the attached **CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP** information, there are 6 life skills that the children can show to earn CREDITs. This term, the main skill we are focussing on in class is competitiveness. This is much more to do with the children being competitive with themselves, rather than trying to beat each other. I am looking for children who always push themselves to improve and are NEVER happy to settle for their second best. This is a truly excellent group of young people, so I think in order to win the championship each week, the children are going to have to maintain their highest standard they are capable of in every lesson. This might be in terms of their presentation, handwriting, showing the desire to move in to tougher challenges or using times when things go a bit wrong to motivate them to do better.