

Autumn Newsletter

Class 5 Explorers

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For learning that lasts a lifetime

Welcome to Class 5 – The Explorers!

Welcome back from a relaxing Summer Break. We look forward to an exciting year of learning in Class 5!

Learning and Exploring

The children have had a super start to term 1. They are aware of the importance of this academic year and are keen to challenge themselves and improve their learning still further. We are looking forward with great excitement to our Swattenden residential trip later this term. The children will be developing their independence and their team skills. Our Family assembly will also be before Christmas.

Literacy: We are focusing on description and how the use of persuasive language creates and holds interest with the audience. We are looking at how writers create settings and characters by using imagery. We will be exploring how to best describe character's emotions to engage the reader.

Guided reading: We are reading in small focused groups. These take place regularly in rotation throughout the week. We are focusing on improving their comprehension skills still further. Children will have the opportunity to share a book with a younger year group in order to develop their understanding of how to engage a reader in a story.

Mathematics: We are looking at understanding the use of various number facts. Children will be using reasoning to explain how they solved the calculation. We will also continue to improve the speed and accuracy of our tables to help solve the division and multiplication problems we tackle. Children are also keen to show how they can improve their 'just a minute' skills.

Science: We are exploring the exciting topic of Earth and Space this term. The children will develop their knowledge of describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. Our investigative work will help them to ask their own questions about the world around them.

History: We are exploring how Britain was influenced by the Vikings. We will also discover how their settlements and kingdoms changed the structure of our countryside and influenced our culture.

Home Learning is given every Friday and usually includes maths and English (a reinforcement of skills covered in Class during the week). Reading Record Books should act as a Contact Book too. Pupils should aim to read each night and return their Reading Record book every day. It would be helpful if both pupils and carers record the reading with comments including pupil's own comments regarding the story - good bits, characters, interesting words and parts pupils have particularly enjoyed.



In History we are exploring the Vikings and their fascinating lifestyles this term. Please encourage your child to continue research for themselves too. Their ideas can complement their learning in class and help them explain their own interesting facts to an appreciative audience.

In French we will be learning greetings, numbers to 39 and names and ages. Games takes place on Monday afternoons. Could the children ensure they bring suitable games kit, especially as the weather becomes cooler.

Lastly please continue to bring book bags in every day.

We are all looking forward to an exciting learning journey and another successful year.

Many thanks

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