

Class 5 Curricular Letter



Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back and welcome to Class 5! I am thrilled to be the class teacher of such a wonderful group of children. The children have had a fantastic first week in school and are all excited about the term ahead. This half term, Miss Urmson will be teaching Geography and Maths in Class 5 on Tuesday mornings and our teaching assistant is Mr Robinson. We have a jam-packed year ahead with lots of exciting topics. Our first topic is "Why isn't there a beach in Chorley?"

The Half Term Ahead

Science

What is the best material for a beach hut?

Music

How does music help us to make friends?

DT

Can I make a beach hut flag to stand out from the crowd?

Geography

What is our local area like?

PE

Why do I need to learn to throw and catch?

RE

Which part of the story do you like best?

Computing

Is everybody on the internet my friend?

English

What would make our poetry performance exciting for Class 3?

PHSE

How can I be a good friend?

English

How could I write a story to entertain everybody listening to the radio?

English

What would I tell my friend about my holiday?

Days to Remember

Tuesday	Miss Urmson teaches the class in the morning.
Friday	- Spelling quiz from previous week's spelling list and number skill quiz. - New spellings and number skill focus given out. - PE day - please come to school in your school PE kit (coloured team t-shirt can also be worn)

Please send your child to school in their school PE kit every Friday. This should be a plain red top or St George's PE top (or their coloured team t-shirt) and plain black shorts or joggers with pumps. Please also send a water bottle to school with your child every day.

Literacy

In our first Literacy unit, we will write our own seaside story to be broadcast on the school radio. During this topic we will read, enjoy and analyse *The Storm Whale* by Benji Davies. We will answer questions about the story, discuss the character's thoughts and feelings and make predictions. We will also identify and use adjectives to describe the characters and settings, using full stops, capital letters and question marks to punctuate sentences. Later in the half term, we will read and write letters and postcards, learning about the conventions of these text types. You can help at home by:

- ❖ Reading stories with a seaside theme, looking at pictures of the seaside and discussing words (adjectives) to describe the setting.
- ❖ Getting outdoors and discussing what you can see with your child, asking questions and encouraging your child to describe objects in detail.

Reading

In daily Guided Reading sessions, Year 2 will continue to develop their reading skills. This will include word reading and understanding the text. Please make sure your child's book bag is in school **every day**. Your child will also have access to more reading books on Bug Club. You can help by:

- ❖ Reading and discussing books on a regular basis to consolidate your child's development. As little as 10 minutes a night makes a huge difference!
- ❖ Access books online on Bug Club which is full of wonderful books at your child's reading level.

Spelling

We will follow the Red Rose programme for our spellings in Year 2. Spellings will be given out on a Friday and tested the following Friday. Spellings will also be put on Spelling Shed once the new classes have been set up. This will enable your child to play games whilst learning their spellings. You can help by:

- ❖ Encouraging your child to practise their spellings. Make this as fun and creative as possible eg. use chalk, coloured pencils or felt tips.

Maths

During the first part of this half term, Class 5 will learn the properties of numbers to 100 including how many tens and units each number has. We will then move onto counting in steps of 2, 5 and 10 to 100 and explore addition and subtraction using number bonds as well as base 10. You can help at home by:

- ❖ Practice saying number bonds to 10, 20 and 100. Why not try a simple game on the way to school "I shout 8, your child shouts 2." Little and often is better!
- ❖ Look out for 2-digit numbers around you and ask your child to name them and describe how many tens and ones they have. Can they tell you which number comes next and which one comes before?

Homework

Each half term you will receive a home learning menu. As explained on the menu, you must complete the Maths and English activities as well as one RE activity. The rest is up to you. The homework menu will allow you to be creative and imaginative in what you decide to produce. The hand in date for the activities this half term will be **Friday 16th October**. Many parents ask if they can help with activities and projects such as this and the answer is most definitely 'yes'! There is nothing more motivating for a child than an interested adult. The Homework menu has been sent home tonight with this letter.

Target Setting

Attached are the core learning targets for Year 2 - this is for information only; we will be working on these targets throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries.

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Best wishes and many thanks for your continued support,

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