

Believe Achieve Succeed

Year Five Information Letter – Spring 2020

Dear Parents

Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed the winter holiday. Last term we had two successful trips connected to our Topic, visiting The Tower of London and Hampton Court Palace. This term our children have the opportunity to visit the National Space Centre on a science trip!

Golden Values

Everyone in our school is expected to follow our Golden Values to ensure that the children can learn in safe, stimulating and supportive environment. The Golden Values are that we show respect by:

- Being honest
- Being kind, helpful and gentle
- Looking after property
- Listening
- Doing our best

Children who follow the Golden values throughout the week receive special Golden Time as a treat on Friday.

Topics

As well as daily maths and English lessons, the children in Year Five will be learning about the following topics throughout this term:

Science: Earth and Beyond including a trip to the National Space Centre, Leicester.

To support our learning in class we recommend:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zkbbkqt>

<https://www.nasa.gov/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03bhszp>

Topic: Crazy Cosmos (looking at various climates, vegetation belts, biomes)

To support our learning in class we recommend:

Planet Earth/Blue Planet series (BBC, David Attenborough)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zwccwmn/articles/zqbx82>

RE: Prophets and Founders (first half term)

Religious Festivals (second half term)

PSHE: Getting along and falling out – friendships (first half term)

Health & wellbeing (second half term)

ICT: We are bloggers (first half term)

We are architects (second half term)

PE: Gymnastics

Games: Netball

Music: Xylophone/Holst's Planets Suite for orchestra.

In English this term we are reading 'A Monster Calls' by Patrick Ness. We are continuing with our TalkForWriting scheme of work, encouraging the children to read and write as storytellers. We are also actively updating our book corners and will be encouraging daily reading, please help us support your child's engagement with this at home – it is already making a huge difference so thank you! Please record any reading your child does in their KS2 planner. It is vital your child brings their reading book into school every day.

Recommended reads for year 5:

-Harry Potter series – JK Rowling

- The London Eye Mystery – Siobhan Dowd

-Tom's Midnight Garden - Philippa Pearce

-The Giver – Lois Lowry

-The Hunger Games series – Suzanne Collins

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PE / Games

The children will have PE every Thursday afternoon. Please ensure children come equipped with:

- Plain white T-shirt
- Black, white shorts (and tracksuit bottoms for winter)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Spare socks

PE kit needs to be in a named bag and all items of clothing need to be named. Hair must be tied back and watches removed, to be kept safe by the teacher.

KS2 Planner

Each child has been provided with a planner to help them take responsibility for organising themselves. There is space for you communicate with your child's teacher and we will endeavour to address any concerns as soon as possible. Please ensure that you check the planner regularly and sign it on a weekly basis. This ensures a strong home-school link that will benefit your child's learning. This needs to be returned to school on a daily basis. Should your child's planner become defaced, destroyed or lost, we will have to ask for a £2.50 contribution to replace it.

Home Learning

The home learning jigsaw is a range of activities designed to engage your child's interest. Children are expected to complete two activities from the home-learning jigsaw each week and to put written work and drawings into their scrapbook.

Drinks

In lessons, children may only drink water. We suggest that your child brings in a bottle of water in addition to their lunchtime drink. Bottles should be labelled with the child's name.

School Uniform

Can you please ensure your child has black school shoes for school, NOT trainers. If they wish to, they may bring a pair of trainers to change into for break and lunch times.

Important Dates

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| • Clubs start up (separate letters to follow) | Monday 20 th January |
| • School Council Trip | Wednesday 22 nd January |
| • Last day of the half term | Friday 14 th February |
| • Children back to school | Monday 24 th February |
| • Trip to National Space Centre, Leicester | Friday 28 th February |
| • Parents' evenings | Tuesday 3 rd /Thursday 5 th March |
| • Clubs finish | Friday 27 th March |
| • Last day of Spring term | Friday 3 rd April |

Should you have any questions, please feel free to come and talk to us on the playground or write a note in your child's KS2 planner. If there are concerns you would like to discuss in private, you can speak to the office who will arrange an appointment for you.

Thank you very much for your continued support and we look forward to another enjoyable and educational year at Oak Green School.

Yours sincerely

Miss Joseph (5A class teacher)

Mrs Davis/Mrs Hearne (5B class teachers)