



Aim High Fly High

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter holiday! I am really looking forward to teaching the Hawks our new topic of 'Our Place in Space'. I have planned lots of interesting lessons to help them to make progress and learn new things.

Just as a reminder, in Year 5 we start working very promptly on our start of day activity (SODA). This is an important part of our assessment of the children, so please ensure your child is on time each morning so that he/she doesn't miss anything.

This summer term, we will be learning about Japan and Malaysia, as well as about our place in society. Lessons linked to our new topic will include: the UN Rights of the Child, the traditional Japanese religion Shinto, myths and legends, Parliament, and earthquakes. More information on this topic can be found on the Topic Web.

This term PE will be on Tuesday's and Wednesday's again but please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school all week. Also, over the summer term, we will be having swimming lessons on a Friday morning. These 6 lessons are split across the two half-terms so please ensure you refer to the timetable on the swimming letter and your child has their swimming kit with them on the correct week. In addition, please make sure that your child has adequate kit for outdoor sports as well as shorts for indoor PE.

To refresh your memory, homework is weekly in Upper Key Stage 2. Each chosen piece must be completed and handed in every Tuesday. Home Learning club runs on a Thursday lunchtime. In addition, children will be given weekly spellings, which will be tested every Thursday, and times tables to learn, which will be tested every Friday. Children will also be given Guided Reading homework each week and this must be returned on the day they have their Guided Reading group with me. As is the case every half-term, there are some adjustments to Guided Reading groups, which I have made the children aware of already, and the days the Guided Reading homework is due (Green-Monday, Blue-Tuesday, Red-Friday, Yellow-Thursday).

If you are able to offer any of your time to help in class during the afternoon session (as a one-off or regularly), I would be very grateful if you would let the office know.

Please pop in and see me after school if you have any queries as I will be able to give you more of my time at the end of the day. However, if you have anything urgent, feel free to pop in in the morning.

I look forward to you continuing to work with me to help your child to have a great summer term.

Best wishes,

Miss Emma Hobbs