

Head Teacher: Mrs Lynne Osborne

Dear Families,

Happy New Year! I hope you had a lovely family time and were able to relax over the holiday period. I would like to thank you again for your generous and kind gifts as well the beautiful cards I received from the children.

The upcoming Spring is full of exciting learning:

- In English, we are exploring the genre of suspense and mystery. Our class book is 'The Boy in the Tower' by Polly Ho-Yen.
- In maths, we are continuing to explore the formal methods of multiplication and division. Please make sure to support your children by practising the times tables!
- Our science topic 'Properties and Changes of Materials' offers the opportunity for a wide range of investigations.
- In RE, we are learning about Buddhism and will investigate the question: How did Buddha teach his followers to find enlightenment?
- Our geography topic is 'Do Oceans Matter?' taught by Mrs Forsyth.
- In PE it will be gymnastics and Outdoor Adventurous Activities to promote team building and communication.
- Our PSHE topic is Dreams and Goals where we are going to explore different professions and possible careers.
- The computing topic will be 'Spread Sheets' and in music the children continue their Djembe Drumming.
- In French, we are learning about 'Le weekend', and in Art we are going to combine drawing and collagraph printmaking to create a futuristic image.





Staffing this term

Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Mrs Dobbs	Mrs Dobbs
Tuesday	Mrs Dobbs	Mrs Dobbs
Wednesday	Mrs Dobbs	Mrs Dobbs
Thursday	Mrs Dobbs	Mrs Dobbs
Friday	Mrs Forsyth	Mrs Forsyth & Miss Gill

PE

This half term PE will be taught on Thursday mornings and Friday afternoons. As days for PE may change, children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kits (including trainers) in school at all times. The weather is currently very cold and is very changeable so please make sure the children have tracksuits or joggers and PE sweatshirts. They will be going outside in all weathers as much as they can.

HOMEWORK

The same as last term, all Homework is set on a Thursday via Google Classroom and is due in on a Tuesday into their homework books. We will continue with a weekly maths, reading/ grammar and spelling task, as well as the occasional topic task. Please make sure you carry on reading at home, sharing stories, including reading to each other. Try to encourage your children to try different genres and maybe take them to the library. We will also be sharing our reading experiences in class to give each other ideas which books may be exciting to read. Continuing from year 4, please encourage your child to record their reading on their bookmark EVERY time they read - date and page number is all they need!





NOTICES

Donations of boxes of tissues for our class will be greatly received as the cold period is not over yet and.

Also, please don't forget to refresh your child's pencil case, as rubbers, glue sticks, pencils, etc. get worn out quite quickly! A good handwriting pen may also be helpful to improve your child's comfort when writing and support them in developing clear, beautiful handwriting. Children should also bring a water bottle each day, which should be labelled with their name.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child or Y5 please do contact me via the Year 5 e-mail: y5@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk

Kind regards, Mrs R Dobbs

