



Monday 14th January 2019

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year. Thank you so much for the lovely Christmas presents we all received. They really were very much appreciated and enjoyed!

Curriculum coverage

The Spring Term topic is called Altitude Sickness. This is a geography based topic where the children will be comparing and exploring many mountain ranges across the globe as well as in space. This links into our Science learning in Term 4 where we will be discovering all the wonders of space. We will also be learning about what it would be like to hike up Mount Everest, resources needed for an expedition and famous global hikers from around the world, both past and present.

Home Learning

The set home learning will continue with weekly spellings to learn and a challenge to complete, as well as the Pick 'n' Mix activities. It is also very important that the children continue to learn and practise their times tables as much as possible, using TTRockstars or other methods. This term, our times table focus will be the 9x table. After half term, our focus in class will be the 7x table. Mathletics has been updated again with activities allocated to the topics we are learning in class. We would like to thank you and the children for the effort that has gone in to all of these so far and hope that this continues. We are really beginning to see how much we use our times tables in maths on a daily basis and it really helps with calculation accuracy if they can be recalled quickly.

Reading Records

It has been fantastic to see so many of the children organised with their reading records and their reading books in school every day. I have been impressed with the way the children have taken responsibility for updating their reading records and using them effectively. Thank you! Please encourage the children to fill it in themselves (with help if needed) as much as possible. We will continue to use them during our daily Guided Reading.

PE Kits and Bags

Please can I remind you that children need their trainers in school every day and they will need their PE kits on Thursday. After half term, this will be with the Superstars coaches on a Monday too. Please ensure all of the clothing is named and that children have appropriate sports clothing for being outside, even in the slightly colder weather. Children will need a named water bottle in school every day.

Residential Trip

As you are aware, we have been rigorously searching for a place to take the Year 5's on their residential this year. Thank you for your patience with this. We have recently heard great news from Oxenwood as they are



continuing to stay open for another year. We are currently finalising dates with them and a separate letter will come out soon regarding information, the centre, medical forms and kit lists.

School Values

Our school value this term is Perseverance. Please share the poem below with your child as we will be learning about this in school.

PERSEVERANCE IS...

Pressing on
Eager to continue
Running the race
Sticking with things
Encouraging each other to keep going
Valuing the support of others
Eyes fixed on the target
Reaching a goal over time
Aiming to complete a task
Not giving up
Commitment to keep going
Ending up where you want to be.

Our school value next term is Justice.

JUSTICE IS...

Judging what is right
Understanding what is fair
Standing up for those who need help
Trying to listen to both sides
Informed and wise decisions
Caring enough to take action
Equal opportunities for all.

If you have any queries or questions then please don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your support.

Miss Herbert and the Year 5 Team.

