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Curriculum Letter Year 5 - Ms Kivisild

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you and your family have had a lovely winter break. Our history topic for the first half term is the Kingdom of Benin, while in science we will be looking at forces. If you are an expert in these fields, please get in touch; it would be great to use some of the knowledge residing in the parent body to enrich the children's learning. Previously, we have had parents delivering workshops, assemblies and presentations, so please get in touch if this is something you would like to do. Our learning objectives for all subjects can be found in our curriculum overviews if you would like more detail.

Days and times

Children need to be in the playground, ready to come into class, at 8.45am, and will finish their day at 3.15pm. If you need to speak to us briefly, teachers will be available on the playground from 8.35am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact the office if you need a longer meeting with us. In year 5, we aim for the children to be independent so, whenever possible, please encourage your child to come and talk to us themselves if they have any queries or worries.

The children will be taught by Mr Friday (PE) and Mrs Onatskaia (music) on Thursday afternoons. Mrs Turner will teach year 5 on Friday afternoons. In the mornings, the children will be supported in class by Mrs Onatskaia.

The children will have two PE lessons a week – Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Your child is expected to wear appropriate active wear at all times, and to take part in every lesson: if he or she is unable to do this for any reason, please speak to us before school or write a short note to inform us of any issues. Children with long hair should keep it tied back and no jewellery is allowed in school without written permission. This term, our Wednesday PE lesson will be swimming so please send your child with a swimming kit, towel and a snack.

Dates for your diaries

Parent consultations this term will be on the 12th, 13th and 14th of February.

Our date for forest school for the spring term will be emailed out nearer the time. We ask that you provide a waterproof coat, trousers, wellies and warm clothes on these days, but please ensure that your child is suitably dressed on other school days so that we can enjoy the outside space around the school, whatever the weather.

Home learning

Home learning should follow the themes and guidance outlined in the policy (see the school website). We will be sending home a weekly task (alternating between SPaG and maths), which will be given out on Monday, and will need to be back in by Friday. If your child had not yet learned all their times tables by the end of year 4, it is important that they continue to learn and practise these. It is highly recommended that you listen to your child read every day for about 15 minutes and then to discuss what they have read with them.

I am very much looking forward to this term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Kivisild
(Class teacher)