

Welcome to Term 4 in Year 5! We hope that you all had a lovely and restful break.

Whilst COVID restrictions have now lifted in the UK, we are still asking you to be vigilant with testing if you can. Please inform the school and respective class teachers immediately if your child has a positive LFT or PCR result and currently we would still like your child to isolate for five days if they test positive.

A reminder that doors will be open from 8.40am, with the register being taken at 8.50am sharp. We would like to stress again the importance of children's punctuality and attendance in Year 5, as this is really important for your child's learning. Attendance was poor last term, mostly due to COVID, so a big push this term would be great. Pick up time is at 3.20pm and 1.30pm on Fridays.

Our topic for this term is 'The Greeks'. For English, we will be using the text 'The Man Who Walked Between The Tower' to inspire our narrative and non-fiction writing. We have lots of exciting things planned for this term including a Greek dress up day and food tasting on Tuesday 8th March. A reminder to please let us know if your children have any allergies in advance.

Children are expected to read every evening and this is to be recorded in their reading records. We would like to ask that all reading records are brought in daily to allow adults to write in children's reading records when they read with them. We will give pupils a new book to read once they have finished the one they are currently reading. They should also practise their spellings which the children should write down in their reading record on a Monday and practise their times tables daily. We will also be sending home a homework web for the children to choose some homework activities linked to our topic to complete by the final week of term. This can be done in their homework books and either returned to school or photos of their work sent on Class Dojo when completed.

PE for 5KC will be on a Monday for Term 4 where we will be going to Nova Hreed for our PE lessons. Please make sure that children have a full PE kit in school as we will be returning to getting changed in school again this term as we did prior to lockdown. A reminder that children should be wearing a PE kit in line with the school's PE uniform policy: white top, black shorts/leggings/joggers and a black jumper. Earrings need to be removed or covered with tape on these days and long hair tied back.

5CW will be going swimming on Thursdays this term, so you must make sure you bring your swimming kit in every Thursday. School uniform should be worn as usual.

Please make sure that your children come to school with a healthy snack and water bottle every day. Classroom windows will remain open at all times as much as possible still to keep the rooms ventilated, which should be less of an issue as the weather begins to improve. We are still encouraging children to wash their hands and use hand sanitiser as much as possible to try to keep everyone safe.

We are happy for children to continue to bring in their own pencil cases from home again and school bags to bring children's things from home.

If you do have any questions or concerns, please use Class Dojo to contact us, e-mail the school using admin@moredon.swindon.sch.uk or phone the school on 01793 600344 where someone will be able to help you.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Carter and Mrs Watson