

Welcome to Term 5 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 three days if they test positive. Children do not need a negative LFT result to return, only to feel better.

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. Pick up time is at 3.20pm and 1.30pm on Fridays.

Term 5 is a short term. For English, we will be using the text 'The Wolves in the Walls' by Neil Gaiman to inspire our writing. We also have a huge unit on fractions this term in maths. We are also back to having a French teacher in school every Tuesday to enhance the children's French learning. As there is a big national celebration in honour of The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, our final week of term will all be themed around learning about our Queen and celebrating her impressive Reign.

A polite reminder that 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 (Times Tables Rock Stars in great for this). 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.

Children will continue getting changed for PE in school this term so children must have a PE kit in school at all times. PE day is Wednesday for both 5KC and 5CW in which we will learn tennis. In addition to this, each class will also alternate on Thursday's between going to Nova Hreed for PE or clarinets in school with our music teacher Mr Wrobel. 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.

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 still happy for children to bring in their own pencil cases from home and their school bags to bring their 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. Our final full term left in Year 5!

Miss Carter and Mrs Watson