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# 2021 - 2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term

Year 5 2021 -2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

We would like to warmly welcome all children and parents back to school after the Christmas break. We are all very excited for the term ahead.

**Reminder of class structure:**

Manta-Ray Class: Ms. Clarke (Class Teacher) and Mrs Cutajar (TA) and Mrs Pateman (HLTA)

Stingray Class: Mrs Christoudias (Class Teacher) and Mrs Walji (TA) and Mrs Pateman (HLTA)

PE Lessons are on **Thursdays** and led by Mrs Coleman. Your child will come to school already changed for PE on Thursdays. Please ensure your child wears clothes that are suitable to the weather conditions. Appropriate PE clothing only.

**Class starts** at 8:50, the children are allowed onto the playground at 8:40. We will open the classroom doors at 8.45.

**Contact:** If you wish to contact your class teacher please email: [year5@leightonprimary.net](mailto:year5@leightonprimary.net) or in the case of an emergency contact the school office: 01733 232949

**Reading at home:** It has been shown that reading regularly at home is the most effective way of helping your child to do well in school. Each child has a reading book at their own reading level to take home each day. These must be brought to school every day. We expect all children to read at least 3 times a week at home, and each time to fill in their reading records and have it signed by an adult, please. Your child will be rewarded with a reading certificate if they read regularly at home.

**Times tables:** The ability to fully understand multiplication and have fluency and instant recall will boost your child's confidence in maths. Many of the tasks they are required to do both at school and home, requires this basic skill. Although we teach the children and support them in their learning of their times tables in school, we ask that they practise these at home regularly. All the children have their own TT Rockstars account which is a great way to practise. Times table tests are held regularly twice a week in class.

**Homework:** We will continue with the current format but this may be changing in the not too distant future. We will keep you informed.

**Spelling:** We are embedding our new spelling approach with the children enjoying this new approach. The children are not expected to practise weekly spellings at home; we work on the spelling rules and format in class and give the children plenty of time to work on these. We then help the children implement this into their writing.

**Positive Behaviour = Positive Outcomes.**

Last term we started using Dojo in the classroom; if you haven't joined your class account yet then a new login can be requested from the class teacher. We use Class Dojo to reward good behaviour and to communicate with parents.

**Uniforms:** Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform; if you have any issues please contact your class teacher. We will be keeping windows and doors open to allow for good ventilation, so now we are well into Winter it can feel a bit cool in the classroom. Please ensure your child has a jumper/cardigan in school everyday and wear layers to keep warm.

**Spring Term Learning:**

The Spring term is an exciting and important term for the children in Year 5

During the Spring term, our History topic in Year 5 will be Vikings. We explore why the Vikings invaded Britain and if the reasons are similar to why people would emigrate today. We explore some key questions such as: Would Vikings do anything for money? Did King Alfred really deserve the title of Great? We will also link some of our writing when we write our own Viking Sagas later in the term.

In Geography, we will be learning about Environmental Issues and how they impact our lives. The key message we always explain to the children is that if we all make small changes, it can make a huge difference. To further imbed our learning, we will be writing a persuasive speech in our English lessons on what we can do to reduce the amount of litter in our seas.

Our Science unit is investigating the properties of materials and the children will be carrying out experiments to assess these themselves. They will begin to understand

why certain materials are used to make everyday objects. Through experiments, the children will also be developing their scientific thinking and skills.

Vikings provides the backdrop for Art and DT this term. Year 5 will design and create their very own replica of a Viking Longship. They will be combining their designing and planning skills with the knowledge they will have learnt in their history lessons. We can't wait to see whose boat will actually float!

Our RE topic this term is Islam and we will be focussing on managing our emotions in our PSHE lessons.

**Enrichment:**

- **Geography** - walk in the local area for fieldwork
- **Scientist Visit** - Scientists from the Wellcome Genome Campus will visit again to set up another Malaise Fly Trap and share their findings with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Ms Clarke , Mrs Christoudias, Mrs Pateman, Mrs Walji and Mrs Cutajar