



Welcome to term 3!

I hope you have had a peaceful and enjoyable Christmas break, and the children are ready for another term of exciting learning. We have a lot of additional events going on, so please look out for messages and information. Two of the year group's classes will have their assemblies this term, and year 5 will also be having Forest School, so there will be lots of information to look out for. Please spend some time reading our Curriculum Overview which outlines the main focus this term in each subject.

Reading

Please continue to encourage your child to read every day for at least 15 minutes, and to record it in their Student Planners. As with every term, the children's reading ages will again be assessed using Star Reader. When your child completes a book, please get them to bring the book into school so that they can complete the Accelerated Reader quiz about their book. The children are welcome to bring in books from home; they may still have a related quiz.

Homework

In year 5, we will have a spelling lesson each week on a Monday, and at the end of this the children will be given a list of 10 new words to practise at home in preparation for a spelling test on the following Monday. A copy of this word list will be sent home and posted on Class Dojo to help children prepare for their test. The other homework task will be taken from the CGP Grammar and Punctuation book.

Times Tables

We have covered a lot of times tables already this year. This term, we will be focusing on the 7s and 12s. We will do this through a variety of fun games and activities, including the use of Times Tables Rockstars. Although we will use this site in school to support tables recall, we would strongly encourage all children to continue their practise at home. Please continue to practise times tables using whichever method suits you most. Login details are the same as last year and a reminder slip will be given to your child.

Reminders

Equipment: Please can we ask all children to come to school whenever possible, with a pencil case containing: Black handwriting pen, Pencil, sharpener, Ruler, Purple pen, and a Glue stick. Having these items helps your child to make the most of their learning time.

PE days: Our P.E day this term is Thursday. Please send children into school in their P.E kits on this day. Caracals will have swimming on Tuesday, so please make sure you have the correct kit.

Forest School: This will be on Monday. Please send children into school in forest school appropriate clothes – stuff that you don't mind getting dirty!

We are here to help, so please let us know by chatting when you collect your child, or by contacting the school office. We will always aim to return calls and answer queries as quickly as possible.

Thank you from the year 5 team:

Mr Parkin, Mrs Rajan, Mr Shaw, Mr Andrews and Mrs Ellis.