

Year 5 letter – Spring 2019

Welcome back to school, we hope you have enjoyed the Christmas holidays. We have a very exciting spring term ahead of us. Our main topic is called Enough for Everyone. This is a geography topic with a focus on human geography, where we will be exploring different types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water. We will be looking at sustainable development and how the choices we make have an impact on the environment; both locally and globally.

We will also be working with STEM partners on a project with Oxford University called *What's the point of Pollen?* This will be an exciting project where the children will have the opportunity to develop their scientific skills through gathering samples, using microscopes and simple image processing software as well as linking their science work to maths, English, geography, history and art.

PE

We have two PE sessions each week, on a Monday and Friday (usually outdoors). In term 3/4 we will be focusing on fitness, gymnastics, rugby, netball and dance. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times, as we sometimes have extra PE sessions during the week. They will need dark shorts and tracksuit bottoms, white T-shirts and trainers. **Please make sure your child's PE kit is named.** Last term we had a lot of lost property due to the amount of unnamed clothes.

Homework

Homework is set on a Wednesday, to be returned to school the following Monday, at the very latest. Maths homework will continue to be set on My Maths and spellings on Spellodrome. The children have been working hard on their spellings, but please support them to practise little and often instead of just once a week. It is better to spend 10-15 min a day on Spellodrome as this helps them to consolidate their learning through repetition. They will also continue to have a weekly comprehension linked to areas we are working on in class; your child needs to write the comprehension answers in their homework books as this minimises the chance that they lose any work they have done. Please encourage your child to read at home every day and to record their reading in their reading diaries. The diaries will need to be in school every day and they will be gathered in regularly. Homework club will continue to run on a Thursday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock.

Trips and visits – We are currently organising these for Terms 3 and 4 and will send out information ASAP.

Thursdays – Mr Knight will be teaching Skylark's class on a Thursday as Mrs Brown has been appointed to the post of Assistant Head Teacher at William Fletcher, so will be having management time on this day.

Thank you for all your support in Terms 1 and 2, we are all very much looking forward to a new term.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Lancaster and Mrs Gray

