

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Year 5 Newsletter – Summer Term 2010**

Welcome back. The year has raced by and it is impossible to believe that we have reached the summer term! This term we will learn about spies.

#### **English**

During this term the children will be investigating what skills and talents they would need to become spies and construct a spy manual. We will be encouraging them to write a spy blog on the VLE which they could continue or add to at home. We will continue to have our weekly spelling tests based on spelling strategies. We would appreciate your continued support helping your child to learn their words and encouraging them to read regularly, and especially to discuss what they read with you.

#### **Maths**

Our spy topic fits into Maths and we will be looking at codes and how the four rules of number, place value, fractions, decimals, percentages and data handling can be used to the advantage of a spy. Daily mental arithmetic activities will continue and your support in helping children to learn their tables, multiples, factors and doubling/halving of numbers is most welcome.

#### **Science – Changing sounds and life cycle of a flowering plant**

Much of our work will include finding out about what makes sounds, and how to change them. Our other science topic will involve investigating the life cycles of plants; this includes the processes of seed dispersal, germination, pollination and the structure of a flower.

#### **ICT**

The children will continue to use ICT integrated into their lessons.

#### **Art**

In Art we will be using a variety of media to produce a gadget case and gadgets. This will build up over the term to show a range of different techniques.

#### **DT**

The children will be planning, designing, making and evaluating a spy car with motor.

#### **PE and Games**

The children will have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of outdoor games in the summer sunshine! This will include cricket and athletics skills. Our Spy topic continues into PE with Spy fitness and training. Please can the children bring their outdoor kits on a Wednesday; to be returned for washing on a Friday.

## **RE**

In religious education we will be studying 'Islam', finding out about Islamic influence in the community and places of worship.

## **PSHCE/SEAL**

Our PSHCE work for the term looks at friendships. We will be following our Sex Education Policy and will be talking about how their bodies are changing. Also our SEAL topics throughout school will be 'Relationships and Changes'. As usual, these themes will start in assembly and will continue throughout the term in whole school, Key Stage and class assemblies.

## **Home Learning**

The children are expected to read regularly, learn their weekly spellings and practise their times tables and other mental mathematic skills. In addition to this, the children will be bringing home their learning log, in which children can show their learning and understanding in a variety of different ways. This can be completed or similar can be uploaded onto the VLE and a note in the learning log included to note this.

Each week your child will be having dedicated classroom time to begin the week's task. It is therefore essential that the learning log book is in school every Monday morning because without it, your child will be at a disadvantage.

Please support your child with their home learning activities.

We are sure this term will be as successful as the last two.

Yours sincerely

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