



A note from the teacher

Welcome back everyone! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are ready to get back to working hard this spring term. As many of you may know, I got married in the holidays so am now known as Mrs Hall (I'll still answer to Miss Potts of course so don't worry if you forget!). If you have any concerns or questions, please get in contact through Class Dojo or make an appointment through the school office.



Homework

Thanks for a great improvement in homework from autumn 1 to autumn 2. Children who have not completed homework so far this year will be expected to do their homework in school this term. Additional times tables, spellings etc. may be set as needed throughout the year.

Home learning

Useful websites for further learning at home. Logins for some of the sites we use should be in your child's personal organiser.

English

<https://www.myon.co.uk/>

<https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

<https://clpe.org.uk/free-resources-celebrate-books-and-reading>

Maths

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2numeracy>

<https://trockstars.com>



Year 5 Newsletter

This term's topics

This term, our history topic is the ancient Maya and we will be designing Maya style masks in art. Our class text is The 1000-year-old Boy and we will be covering multiplication and division and fractions in maths. For our geography work, we will be studying some interesting landmarks around the world and in science we are learning about Earth and Space and then living things and their habitats. Our guitar lessons will continue on Fridays. We will also start a Shakespeare project this term and hopefully some of the class will perform at Bishop Auckland Town Hall as part of a Shakespeare festival.



PE

This term we are covering basketball, dance and tag rugby. PE kits can be left in school for the half term and should include some suitable outdoor footwear for basketball and tag rugby. Our PE days will be confirmed ASAP.

Important reminders

Remember to have your personal organiser and reading book in school every day and write a comment in your organiser at least 3 times per week. We are continuing to use Class Dojo to reward children, share photos and give updates on class activities. Please get in touch if you have any issues with accessing your Dojo account or have any issues with TT Rockstars or My On.

Diary dates

- Thursday 20th January: Basketball competition (selected children)
- Friday 28th January: Non-uniform day
- Monday 31st January: Storytelling Week
- Tuesday 8th February: Safer Internet Day
- Wednesday 9th February: Parent Consultations