

Dear Parents of Class 5,

Welcome back to school for the autumn term.

We have lots of exciting plans for our learning this year, with the biggest change for those pupils who were in Class 5 last year, that they will have Mrs Thomas teaching Monday – Wednesday, and Mrs Lloyd teaching Thursday and Friday.

To begin with, we will be learning about the Peterloo Massacre, and visiting the People's History Museum in Manchester. We also have an author trip arranged as part of the Manchester Children's Book Festival in early October.

In science we will focus initially on living things and habitats, and we will be designing our own investigations to help us test different hypotheses. We will also be looking at the science in 'the real world' during Science Week before half term.

After half term, we will be participating in UK Parliament Week, furthering our understanding of how our democracy works, as well as participating in formal debates. We will also be learning about life on the home front during World War 2.

PE is on Mondays and Thursdays, and we may also run on other days. School PE kit must be in school every day, including shin pads. If your child is using their kit at an after school sports event, please make sure that it is back in school the following day, as it is very disruptive to their and the class's learning, if they are unable to participate.

Homework is given out on Fridays and needs to be handed in by Wednesday at the end of the school day. It is posted on the pupils' pages of the website, and homework can be uploaded there. Your child's login details for the website and Education City are in their homework book.

Your child will be required to complete a page in the mental maths book each week, and I would be grateful if you could mark it and identify any questions which they found difficult. Obviously, some of the areas of maths may not yet have been taught thoroughly, and we really appreciate your comments. Mrs Lloyd will follow up any difficulties identified, with the relevant children each Friday, before the next week's homework is sent home. This regular practice is enormously helpful to the children, as is the dialogue with parents.

There will generally be some form of writing for homework, and often research, and this can be written by hand straight into the homework book or typed and uploaded via the pupil login on the website.

I post full details of each week's homework on the website, as well as sending it home in their homework books, so there is no reason for homework not to be completed on time. If it is handed in late, it will not be marked that week.

We expect the children to read every day at home, and to comment on their week's reading in their homework book, as well as to review and recommend books to each other, and to us!

We will also use the school website blogs to share examples of excellent work. If you like what you see, a comment back is always very welcome, and very valuable feedback, especially to other children in the class!

We will continue to tweet regularly. You may see selected writing or other work is tweeted. If so, and you have a look at it, a 'like' is really valuable feedback for the children, or a comment back.

If there are any issues, as always, please feel free to come in after school, or to email us. We will always endeavour to read emails overnight, but cannot guarantee to reply the same day.

We look forward to seeing you at the Meet the Teacher evening on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

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