

Autumn 2 in Class 5

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We had a great first term in Class 5 and hope your child has settled in to life in upper KS2.

Can we say a huge thank you to all the children who worked so hard on their projects last half term. Almost all the children produced something fantastic and the range of different ideas was amazing. We have been putting the results on See Saw. Can we also thank the parents as we know that without your support with these, the results would not have been so wonderful.

Autumn 2 Homework Project

Children need to know their multiplication facts up to 12×12 . This is an objective that all children should achieve by the end of Year 4; however, we know that some of our children aren't quite there with this. It is unbelievable what a difference regular practise of these can make.



Therefore, we thought a great idea for our homework project for this year would be to devise a fun game to help with rapid recall of the multiplication facts up to 12×12 .

The idea is, that in the last week, the children will bring in their games and we will have a day where we all get to play each other's creations and even teach children from different classes how to play the games.

If there is a times tables that your child particularly struggles with (e.g. $x7$) the game could be focussed on this. Or if they would like to create a game to help with the really tricky ones ($x6,7,8$) that would be great. Or if they would like to devise a game which practises all the times tables, that would be brilliant too.

For the more able children, who are quick with their tables, they could devise games which require solving missing gap questions ($7 \times ? = 56$) or division questions. Or even some real life problem solving involving multiplication and division.

The idea is, that the game should help the player to recall answers randomly and quickly, without having to count through all the tables facts until they reach the answer. Ideally, we would like every fact to be answered within 5 seconds.

Ideas for the game could be:

- Matching pairs games
- Snap games

- Dominoes
- Board games
- PowerPoint quizzes (e.g. Who wants to be a Millionaire)

The children should produce a game to a high standard of presentation and with a written set of rules to describe how to play. Please could we have games complete and in school by Monday 11th December for our gaming week.

Seesaw

Most parents have now signed up to See Saw and we hope you enjoy our updates. If you haven't signed up yet, please ask your child to get a code from us. It's really easy to get the app and is a brilliant way to find out what your child has been doing, especially if they don't usually tell you, or say they've done nothing! Thank you to the parents that have signed up.

Reading

We hope your child was one of the deserving attendees of the 'Cocktails and Capapes' party held for children who read at least 3 times a week last half term. We have a new reading challenge this half term. A Reindeer Race! Who can get the most reindeer to drive Santa's sleigh? Please can you encourage your child to read a minimum of x3 a week and sign their books. The best way to see if they really have read is to ask them to tell you about their book. If they can't, they are not reading properly, in which case you should not sign.

If the children's home school record book is not signed, they will not receive a reindeer.

Spellings

Spelling tests are every Wednesday. Please can you ensure children learn their spellings each week.

This Term

Our topic is 'Food, Glorious Food'. We will be completing a DT project looking at celebration food, science work on irreversible changes and our literacy work will also be linked to this.

Our ICT topic will be staying safe online.



PE

PE will be on Monday. Swimming will continue to be on Friday. Don't forget kits and swimming caps!



If you have any worries or queries about your child, don't hesitate to contact us.

Many Thanks

Mrs McVey and Mrs Meers

