

Message from the class teachers:

After a fantastic first half term of year 5, we look ahead to the exciting run up to Christmas. We are so proud of how the children have settled in and how hard they have worked. This term we will be looking at France, focusing on human and physical features.

Teachers: Miss Watson, Ms Allen, Mrs Saunders and Mr Ledford.

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Mason and Mrs Birkinshaw

An overview of learning this half term

Maths: Multiplication and Division

English: Diary entries and Persuasive Travel Brochures

Geography: France

Science: Living things

Computing: Internet communication

DT: Textiles

PE: Swimming (Stine), Gymnastics and OAA

PSHE: Food and nutrition.

French: Classroom commands, places in town, Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support that you show each and every day - we really appreciate it. On Monday 20th November we will do a French experience day – this will include various activities including food tasting to help generate ideas for our first independent write of this half term!

General Reminders:

This term we will be continuing to utilise iPads across a wide range of subjects in the curriculum. Please ensure your child's iPad comes to school **fully charged** so they are able to take part in all planned activities.

As the weather gets colder, please send your child to school with a warm coat for break and lunch times and a good jumper for PE days as we will still be doing PE outside.

As you are all aware, Miss Watson is going on maternity leave from 1st December. Ms Allen has already been teaching with Miss Watson and getting to know Baddiel class. She will be taking over Baddiel class from 4th December.

PE

Children must come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. You also need a spare pair of trainers to leave in school for the mile run. Earrings must be removed and hair must be tied back for PE.

Miss Watson and Ms Allen – Tuesday and Thursday

Mrs Saunders – Tuesday and Thursday

Mr Ledford – Tuesday and Thursday

Homework

Homework will be set online. This will be set on a Wednesday and should be completed by Tuesday of the following week. This will include: Spelling Shed, Reading, Sum Dog maths, Purple Mash tasks and Times Table Rockstars.

Reading

Please read with your child at home as often as possible and sign this off in their reading records. Our expectation is at least 3 times per week and children are rewarded for doing this. Books and reading diaries need to be in school every day. Reading books can be changed once the children have completed their book quiz in school on Accelerated Reader.

Snacks and water bottles

Children are permitted to bring in their own snack for break time, which should consist of a piece of fruit or vegetable sticks. Children need to bring in their own named water bottle from home which should only contain water.

Nut Free School

There are children in school who have a severe nut allergy. Not only are they allergic to nuts, they cannot tolerate having food substances with nuts in. Therefore, we are a **nut free** school. Please ensure your child does not bring **any** nuts or food items to school which have nuts as a listed ingredient. Thank you.