



YEAR FIVE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM

2021



Welcome to Year Five. It is so lovely to have the children back in school and they have all settled into the routine brilliantly. Thank you Year Five; an excellent start to the new school year.

Mrs Clarke is teaching Year Five every Thursday.

This newsletter provides you with information for the term ahead.

Remember your water bottle daily!



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Spellings will be taught each week, with a list of words to learn coming home in your child's homework diary each Monday. We are focusing on five words each week. Activities to help practise these will take place in school. Your child will be encouraged to discuss these with you as well as trying to learn the spellings. The children are encouraged to apply and check these learned spellings during writing tasks. All we ask is for the children to try their best.

Our topic this term is FURTHER AFIELD. We will be focusing on the Earth and planets in Science. Our geography work will focus on maps - where places are in the world as well as Ordnance Survey maps and symbols. PSHE has an important part to play in our curriculum and we will be ensuring that every child is fully involved in the lessons. More information about our exciting residential trip to **Kingswood**, which will take place on Monday 1st November until Wednesday 3rd November, will be coming home soon!

The children are excited about their Homework Diary! It should be in school every day and your child will write any homework in it.

Monday - spelling/English activity. **Wednesday** - talking homework/topic work. The children will be asked to discuss something with someone at home. A signature from an adult in their homework diary will gain your child a raffle ticket and signature in school.

Friday -Mathletics (for the following Wednesday). When you read with your child please sign their homework diary. Remember to chat about the book, the characters' actions and story plot.

SCIENCE DAY - TUESDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2021

R.E. DAY - TUESDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2021



Character Education

Our Character Education virtues for this half term are:

CARING, HELPFULNESS, COURAGE, COOPERATION & KINDNESS.

Twitter

I will try to post regular photos of our learning on the school twitter feed @NewMillsPrimary

Mrs Race, Mrs Ratcliffe and Mrs Stevenson We are very lucky to have Mrs Race working with us every day and Mrs Ratcliffe every Friday afternoon. Mrs Race will be supporting children in maths lessons and in small English groups. Mrs Stevenson is the lunchtime supervisor for Year 5 and will be spending some time in the classroom.



Swimming lessons will commence on Monday 20th September 2021. Children will need a swimming kit in school on that day. Our PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday** afternoons this year. On this day, your child should come to school ready for PE, wearing black **tracksuit bottoms** or leggings, **black trainers** and their usual school tops. In the colder months, they may like to bring another layer too. Please remove earrings on P.E. days. This half-term we are focusing on orienteering skills as part of our 'Further Afield' cross-curricular topic work.

CLASS REWARDS Good work, behaviour and a positive attitude earns raffle tickets and signatures in Year 5. The raffle is drawn at the end of each week with two children receiving a small prize. We have a traffic light system in the classroom too; there are opportunities to earn extra playtimes if children reach the star! Subsequently, if children reach the red on the traffic light chart, they will miss 5 minutes of playtime. A fantastic start has been made with many raffle tickets and signatures being earned. Keep it up Year 5!!

We have had some very large school bags this week! These take up a lot of space and can cause a trip hazard. The children only need to carry their reading book and homework diary to and from school. If you have a smaller bag they could use, it would be much appreciated.

If you have any questions please feel free to email k.arnfield@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk. Or sclarke@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk. Many thanks, Kirsty Arnfield and Sue Clarke.