

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! We hope you've had a good Christmas break.

Just a few pointers as we get this term up & running:

We welcome a student teacher to Y5 for the duration of the Spring term, **Mr Dennis Parkes**. He is part way through his one-year PGCE and comes to us for a KS2 placement after completing his first term of training in KS1 at East The Water primary school. He will spend Mon-Thurs with us each week, initially observing and supporting learning before moving on to lead some teaching.

Our topic this term *Sow, Grow & Farm* begins with map work, both local & global, then focuses on how we use land to produce food in the UK and abroad. We look into the issue of food miles and end on a note of debate: we should only eat food grown in this country- agree or disagree?

Trip: Rosemoor Tuesday 8th February

Here's a reminder of our timetable for this term:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday dressed in PE kit	Thursday	Friday
Literacy Mrs O & Mr P	Literacy Mrs O & Mr P	Literacy Mrs Overney	Literacy Mrs O & Mr P	Literacy Mr Pleasance
Break time 10.30 to 10.45				
Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Mrs Overney	Numeracy Ms Russell
Lunch time 12.15 to 1.15				
RE: Mrs Simpson Spanish: Mrs O	Geography Mr Pleasance	PE Miss Gibson	Science Ms Russell	Art/ Music Ms Russell

Please note that Mrs Overney is not in school on Fridays, so please direct any communication necessary for that day to Mr P!

Pencil cases & stationery: Please check your child's pencil case regularly to ensure it has the basic items: a blue or black writing pen, a pencil, a rubber, a glue stick and a pencil sharpener. Highlighters and coloured pens are very useful if you are able to provide these too. Please try to avoid large pencil cases as they take up a lot of space on the table, and also we'd prefer the case to be as plain as possible so it doesn't act as a distraction.

Waterproof coat & water bottle: Both of these should be in school every day please. (No squash, please).

Y5 PE: This remains as Wednesday pm. Children to come into school already in PE kit, with either their uniform or a spare PE kit in their PE bag just in case they need to change. **Kit List: School hoodie, white polo shirt, black shorts, black leggings/tracksuit bottoms, trainers and a water bottle.**

Home Learning:

- Reading at home: Please aim to share a book with your child at least five times per week, signing the contact diary. There will also be a regular reading comprehension activity related to our class novel: *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty
- Maths Home Learning: A final assessment of times tables to be followed by a weekly problem solving activity for those who have solidly embedded times table facts.

Y5 Team Contact Information: if you need to contact us, please do so via Dojo or email us on: n.overney@alumnismat.org or o.plesance@alumnismat.org. We will endeavor to respond to your emails ASAP between Monday and Friday.

For any administration queries, especially questions linked to school lunches, the school payment system and any last minute changes in pick up arrangements, please contact the office directly.

Looking forward to another term of learning,

Mrs Overney, Mr Plesance and the Y5 team