



MacArthur Class



Newsletter 2020-2021

Welcome to Year 5! We hope you enjoy your time in MacArthur Class.

The adults working with you this year

Class Teacher: Mr. Wilson

LSAs: Mrs Dunn (Mon - Thurs) and Miss Moore (Fri)

PE: Mr Goldsmith (Sports Coach)

Science: Mrs Denness

Things to remember

In Y5 pupils are encouraged to further develop their independence (in their learning as well as in their personal life) to ensure that they are ready to move up through the school. Please help your child to do things independently, such as get themselves ready for school, carry their own bags, and remember their reading books, water bottles, PE kits and jumpers/coats.

Daily: Bring in a water bottle. The remainder of the equipment will be supplied at school. You will be given a pencil case which will remain at school with the appropriate equipment within it.

Monday: Bring in PE kit. PE will be on Wednesday morning or afternoon with Mr Goldsmith and on Friday with Mr. Wilson, but please have your PE kit in school all week in case it is needed at other times.

Friday: Take home PE kit.



Homework



Homework is given out in the Homework Diaries for each half term. Please see your Homework Diary for more information. You are expected to read your reading book, or any other book, as often as you can (preferably every day if possible!). In addition, a specific Maths homework and a specific English homework will be given on alternate weeks based upon what we have been doing in lesson. If you find yourself struggling with homework, please do speak with me. Certificates are given for the successful completion of home work.



Spellings



You will have a list of the Year 5/6 words pasted in the back of your homework book. In addition, other spelling patterns we are learning may be pasted into the book. We will have spelling lesson six times in a fortnight and we will be looking at spelling patterns and exceptions to the pattern. We will also be encouraging the use of dictionaries and other spelling aids when writing within the lesson. Proofreading for accurate spelling will be an important aspect of upper Key Stage 2 writing.



Reading



You are encouraged to **independently** change your reading book on a regular basis with a specified time for independent reading on Friday morning. This will also be an opportunity to take a book from the library and to return any book borrowed. Reading comprehension and inference are key aspects of upper Key Stage 2 reading. When you are reading your book, make sure that you talk about what is happening, who the characters are, how they are feeling, what information the text is telling you, what type of book it is and so on.



Rewards, sanctions and Golden Worship



We have worked together to draw up class rules with rewards and sanctions. We will continue to have Golden Worship on Friday mornings at 8.35am in our bubbles, during which we celebrate achievements and progress in and out of school. Unfortunately, at this current time parents are not able to join us for this.



Topics



We will have different topics each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects of focus.



Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – lessons start as soon as school starts at 8.25am! If by any chance you are late, please go to the main school office where they will be registered. Please don't knock on the classroom door as the register will have already been taken and lessons will have started. Many thanks.



Parents' Evenings



Information about parents' evenings will follow in due course.



Covid-19



We will do our best to keep you informed of the fluctuating situation with the Coronavirus. We do expect you to follow all the safety guidelines at school so you and everyone else at school can remain safe.

**If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let me know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children's progress.
Thank you!**