

Year 5 Newsletter Spring Term 1 | Tuesday, 3rd January, 2023



## A reflection....

Welcome back to a new half term! We hope that you had a lovely break. The Year 5 team would love to share how fantastic the last term was. We saw some phenomenal attitudes to learning and some of the home learning projects completed were outstanding. They wrote a stunning third person narrative exploring Mayan ruins alongside developing their knowledge of the four key mathematical operations. We even went hunting for minibeasts in and around the school grounds.

For the first Spring half term, we will be beginning a brand new topic. We will be travelling back in time to the late 15th and 16th centuries to discover how the Tudors changed and sculpted the Britain we know today. We'll also be visiting the spectacular Gainsborough Old Hall where we'll be immersing ourselves in what it was really like to live in Tudor Britain. We all know the story of Henry VIII but why did he do what he did?



## Looking forward....

During this half term, Year 5 will begin a new topic 'Off With Her Head' where our learning will be based around Tudor Britain and the trials and tribulations of King Henry VIII's reign. We are really looking forward to starting this brand new topic and immersing ourselves in the past.

As scientists, we will be investigating forces including gravity, water resistance and friction. We will also be visiting Oakwood to use their science labs and conduct some intricate investigations. As historians, we will look at how Britain has changed since the Tudor reign, how Henry VIII changed the country and what crime and punishment looked like in the 16th century. As artists, we will be developing our pencil skills to create detailed portraits. As designers, we will be developing our manufacturing skills and creating our own, miniature wooden stocks. The children will also continue their music lessons where they will develop their singing skills in preparation for our Young Voices performance. Weekly, Year 5 will continue receive lessons in Spanish, ICT, PSHE and RE.

### Special mentions!

Congratulation to this term's Pupils of the Term: Simra, Zidane, Faizan, Poppy, Amaan and Veronika!  
Congratulations to those pupils who received their Star Learner of the Week award already this year!  
Don't forget to pass on your special mentions for the next newsletter!

## **Reading....**

At Sitwell Junior School, we aim to encourage children to acquire a love of reading. Part of this requires the children to be able to read fluently, so it is really important that you listen to your child read every day. This only needs to be for a short time each day, as little and often is the best approach when supporting your child with their reading.

This year, we are continuing with Marvellous Me as a way of recording your child's reading at home. Through the app, you will be able to access a link to a form that should be submitted weekly before Friday morning. If you are yet to sign up to Marvellous me, please contact the office who will be happy to help.

In addition to this, your child should have login details to Reading Eggs, a computer based programme which is tailored to your child's reading ability. The site has a wealth of reading texts and questions for your child to work through. As well as accessing this in class, they will be able to do so at home, providing you with further insight into your child's reading ability. If your child has forgotten their log in details, the class teacher can access these for them.

### **Supporting your child at home...**

**All of the objectives which we will cover in our maths, English and topic sessions are outlined on the school website. If you wish to support your child at home, or to discuss their learning with them, please use the following link:**

[Long Term Plans](#)

### **Reminders!**

#### **P.E. Schedule**

The Year 5 children will have two sessions of PE every week, with PE days on Monday and Wednesday/Friday. We ask that all children come to school in their P.E. kit on the days that they have P.E. PE kit is as follows: white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings, black pumps (indoor), black tracksuit, and trainers (outdoor).

#### **Twitter and Marvellous Me**

If you would like to keep up-to-date with your child's learning in school, then check out the school's Twitter page. The account details are listed at the top of this letter. We also encourage you to track your child's learning on the Marvellous Me app.

#### **Times Tables**

We encourage children to practice their times tables on **Times Table Rock Stars**. These skills are so important and can be applied throughout maths.