



Class 5 News Letter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term in Class 5. I can hardly believe how quickly the year has passed! I hope you all had a fantastic Easter and your child is well rested and ready to face the new challenges ahead. If you have any concerns or questions about anything at all please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mrs. S. Binks

This term's topics:

Literacy: This term, most of our writing will continue to be based on 'Beowulf' an exciting novel written by Michael Morpurgo. Using this book as our stimulus, we will be writing a range of texts, which include character and setting descriptions, action scenes, our own legends and missing chapters. The children will also be exploring a range of genres through our curriculum topic, 'Marvellous Mexico'

Numeracy: Number and number systems, calculations, reflection and translation and measures. We will also be consolidating our Year 5 maths knowledge by applying our skills to problem solving in a range of 'real life' contexts.

Science: 'Solids, Liquids and Gases' and 'Healthy Living'.

Physical Education: Cricket & Athletics. .

French: Beach Scenes.

Geography: 'Arteries of the planet: rivers' and 'What, why and where? Sustainable tourism around the world'.

Creative Curriculum: 'Marvellous Mexico'.

Summer Targets:

Writing: Each child has a writing target which they will be working on daily- please ask your child about this.

If you wish to discuss this further then please get in touch.

Numeracy: To quickly recall times tables and division facts.



Diary Dates

9 th -12 th May	KS2 SAT's
13 th May	KS2 SAT's party
26 th May	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Day <i>full details to follow</i>
30 th May - 5 th June	Half term holiday
7 th June	Y6 Leaver's Service at Durham Cathedral
8 th June	Y5 at Parkside as part of a 6 week transition programme. Visits will take place every Wednesday afternoon for 6 weeks.
9 th June	Y5 & Y6 visit to the Sikh Gurdwara
15 th June	Y3 & Y4 visit to Beamish Museum
24 th June	School closed - PD Day
30 th June	Y1- Y6 Sports Day - 1.15pm
w/c 4 th July	Y1 to Y6 Race for Life
7 th July	Moving up day Y6 Parkside transition day
11 th July	Parents Evening
15 th July	Y6 South Shields
16 th July	Y6 Leavers Service at St. Stephen's Church - 6.00pm
20 th July	Y6 Leavers Service in school - 9.15am
20 th July	Last day of the Summer Term - school day ends at normal time.
21 st July	School Closed - PD Day
22 nd July	Summer Holiday begins Children return to school on Wednesday 7 th September

P.E:

PE continues to take place on 'Terrific Tuesday'.

As we will hopefully, be outside as our weather improves, please could all children be sun safe., during PE. T-shirts and tops need to cover shoulders and tummies, to protect from the sun.



Summer sun:

As you will be aware our lovely British weather can be very unpredictable, therefore we advise that children come to school with some type of coat or jacket with them. Saying this, should the summer sun make an unusual appearance then a cap and sun cream are advisable to keep your child protected whilst at school.



Reading:

We ask that Key Stage 2 children read at least five times a week and have their reading card signed by an adult. Older children may read independently, but parents can be involved by asking about the book, who the characters are, whether your child is enjoying it etc. In Key Stage 2, children should read for at least 15 minutes each evening, five times a week. On the back of your child's reading card are targets that are there as a **guide line to help you support and develop your child's reading.** **Reading Cards should be handed in to school daily.** We hope you find this useful.

Homework:

In addition, the children will receive weekly spellings and literacy/ numeracy homework (linked to work completed in the classroom), to be give Friday and tested/handed in on the Friday of the following week.



Earring policy:

We are concerned about the number of children who are wearing earrings to school. Can we please remind parents that it is our school policy that children **must not** wear earrings or jewellery whilst in school. We request this for health and safety reasons to avoid possible injury to your child and other school children. If your child has had their ears pierced recently and is not yet able to remove them, they must be covered with a plaster or tape, can we please ask that this is done at home. Once the recommended healing period has ended the earrings should then be taken out for school. We would greatly appreciate your support in this matter and if you have any queries please contact me.

