

Dear parents/carers,

Both Year 5 classes have made an excellent start to the new school year and we would like to give you the necessary information to ensure we continue as we started.

Reading – it is expected that the children read ten minutes, at least five times each week, at home. This can be recorded in the Homework Book that has been provided. There is a table to write down what the children have read and a new one will be glued in every Monday to show what the children have read each day. Teachers will keep their own records of the children's reading progress.

PE kit – the kit should be in school from Monday till Friday and can be taken home over the weekend. We are hoping to do PE outside whenever we can and the children will need trainers or black pumps for this. Please label everything with their names as kit and uniform can so easily get lost without names to return them to the rightful owner.

Themes – the theme for the terms till Christmas is 'The Amazing Americas' and this term we are learning about North America and after half term it will be South America. The children have already shown a great interest and are really enjoying learning about that part of our world.

In science we are looking at animals and living things, concentrating on life cycles of plants and different groups of animals.

Water bottles – Children can use their own water bottles, but they have to have a suitable top with a stopper. It is so easy for water to be spilled and spoil their work otherwise.

Class Dojos/MyMaths Logins – the children have been given their Class Dojos logins and they will write their MyMaths login in their Homework Books.

Homework – Reading at least five times per week for the minimum of ten minutes. **Weekly spelling list** to be practised and learnt and the spelling test is on the **Friday**. **Times Tables Test** is on the **Monday** and each child has their own times tables set to learn, according to their individual needs. **MyMaths** tasks are set, linked to the topic in mathematics, for the child to complete in their own time.

There will be **weekly English and Maths** homework, which will be handed on a **Wednesday**, to be completed by the following week's Wednesday.

Project – after last year's magnificent project work, we are continuing this in Year 5.

The first project will be to choose a landmark from North America and build it or make a poster of it or produce a power point to share with the class. This will be due in **Monday 15 October 2018**.

We would like to thank you for your support and if there are any queries, ask us and we will be very happy to answer your questions.

Mrs Cavinato and Mrs Craig

