



Year 5 Autumn Term 1

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well and that you have had a lovely summer break. I'd like to welcome you and your child to year five, I look forward to meeting you all in the coming weeks.

This term, we have some interesting topics which I am sure your child will enjoy. Our main project will have a geography theme, where we will explore natural disasters and how they impact the lives of people living in Asia. We will be learning all about mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes as well as researching this fascinating continent. The chart below outlines some of the areas that we will cover before half-term.

English Texts	Maths	Science	Other areas
Everest- The remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay by Alexandra Stewart.	Place Value. Numbers to 100,000 and a million. Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000. Roman numerals.	Can you feel the force? Gravity, air and water resistance, friction, & mechanisms.	Art-Who is David Hockney? Cricket Basketball RHE- What makes up a person's identity? Computing- Systems and searching for information. Black History Month.
Non-Fiction texts, researching Asia.	Addition and subtraction with 5 digit numbers. Mental arithmetic. Times tables recap.		

Equipment

We have plenty of equipment in school, the children will not need to bring their own pencil cases. They will just need to remember their water bottles, reading books and diaries each day. In order for the children to be as independent as possible, please ensure that all clothing and packed lunch bags are named.



PE

PE days will be **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**

starting next week. As usual, we are asking for children to come to school in PE kit on their allocated day. The PE uniform is a red or white t-shirt; black, navy blue or grey tracksuit bottoms, shorts or leggings, a red school hoodie, school jumper or plain red jumper and trainers. Hair must be tied back. Any child in non-uniform sportswear will be asked to remove it and will be provided with a plain t-shirt.

Homework

Each half-term your child will be given a research project to do based around their topic. This is an opportunity to consolidate learning and for the children to develop their speaking and listening skills as they will be required to share what they have learned to the rest of the class. More details about the first Asia task will follow next week.

Weekly homework also starts next week. It consists of ten spellings to learn for a Friday check. A weekly maths task will be given out each Friday, this should also be completed for the following Friday so that we can mark it together. Reading regularly at home is also an expectation. I will be checking reading diaries weekly to ensure that children are reading at home at least four times a week. Here are some recommended texts that your child might enjoy reading this year:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-5/>

Timings

The children will be able to enter school via the side gate from 8:45am. They will wait on the Astro-turf until the bell rings at 8:55am. The school day ends for all children at 3:25pm.

Nut Free

Just a reminder that we require all snacks and packed lunches to be entirely nut free please.

Photos of our fun days together will be uploaded to the class page of the school website for you to see. Other information like spelling mats, homework projects and trip letters are on there too.

We have a really exciting term ahead, it's a fascinating geography topic which I know the children will love. If you have any queries then do catch me at the end of the school day or through the office e-mail: office@orston.notts.sch.uk

Many thanks,

Mrs Johnson