

Dear Y5 Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a restful wintery break and that your child is ready for a new half term of learning.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

#### Outdoor clothing and indoor pumps

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y5 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

#### Reading Books

Your child will be bringing a reading book to share with you at home. This will have been one of our amazing 50 Books to Read in Y5, which we have recently invested in as a school. It is your child's responsibility to look after this book and return it to our class library when they have finished reading it. If a borrowed book is lost or damaged while on loan to your child then we would seek your support in replacing it.

Please support your child to record the reading they do at home in their reading diaries (this can be reading of their book from school or a different text at home). If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1.

Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

#### Home learning

Your child will be given a spelling book to bring home, in order for them to be able to practise their spellings at home. They will write in their new spellings on a Monday and they will have a short assessment of spellings learnt the following Monday. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will have a Spelling Shed log in their reading diary.

Times table fluency will have been a focus of your child's learning in Y4 and in order to support this recall of key facts we ask that you encourage your child to continue to access TT Rockstars on a regular basis. The log in for TT Rockstars will also be in their reading diary.

Your child will be set a short English and Maths task weekly on SATS companion. The log in for this platform will also be in their reading diary.

We will be running a weekly 'Homework Club' at lunchtime, which children can choose to come to if they wish or will be invited to if we notice that they are not completing their homework.

#### PE

Our PE days are **Monday** and **Tuesday**.

#### Class Dojo

We will continue to share lots of photos and information about the learning we are doing in Y5 on Class Dojo. We hope you enjoy being able to share your child's learning journey in this way.

## Spring 2 learning overview

### English

We will be using the book 'The Darkest Dark' by Chris Hadfield to inspire our writing. We will be learning how to use a variety of verb forms used correctly and consistently, use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing, link ideas across paragraphs using adverbials and tense choices and use brackets, dashes or commas to indicate parenthesis. We will be writing our own formal biographies about Chris Hadfield.

In our reading lessons, we will continue to develop our comprehension skills while reading a selection of short stories and extracts all about Magic and Mystery. Our fluency lessons will utilise 'Dreambox Reading Plus'. As a class, we will also enjoy sharing the book 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

### Maths

We will begin by learning more about fractions, decimals and percentages and their equivalence. We will then move on to learning about how to calculate perimeter and area. Our final maths topic will be statistics, where we will learn about reading and drawing line graphs and tables.

In our maths lessons, we are working hard to show our working out, explain our mathematical thinking and use precise mathematical language.

### Science

Our science learning will focus on Space. We will learn about the different planets and the movement of the Earth in space.

### Geography

In geography, we will be exploring the question 'would you like to live in a desert?'

### RE

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Creation and science; conflicting or complementary?'

### PE

We will be focusing on dance and handball. Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday.

### DT

In DT, we will be designing and making doodlers, using electrical systems.

### Computing

We will be learning about data and systems for sorting, storing and sharing information.

### French

We will be learning how to talk about animals and pets in French.

### Music

We will be learning composition and we will compose our own music to represent the Hindu festival of colour, Holi).

### PSHE

Y5 will be continuing their ARCHIE project where they become ambassadors at school, home and in the wider community. This is a leadership, character education and personal development programme, where pupils develop core skills and have practical opportunities to volunteer and help others in their community.