



Welcome to the Summer Term in Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the Summer term. Please find below some information about the Summer term in our class that you may find useful. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. My email address is s.steadman386@st-annes-pri.durham.sch.uk

Year 5 PE day is on Tuesday this term, so please can the children be sent into school in full school PE kit.

This term, Year 5 will also be going swimming every Wednesday this school term until May half term. Please make sure your children bring to school the following:

- Towel
- Swimming trunks or costume (No bikinis)
- Swimming hat (compulsory)
- Goggles (optional)

In Science, our topic will be Animals including Humans. In this topic, we will be learning about puberty and how the human body changes throughout life. We will be using correct, scientific terminology. Your children may come home and have some questions. This is not to be opted out of, as it is part of the Year 5 Science curriculum.

Homework will be handed out on Friday and be expected to be in on Thursday. There will be an English piece or a maths piece. I would like your child to be reading every night as well, this should be written in the reading records. Children can test their reading knowledge by completing quizzes at home as well as in school. Spelling and times tables must also be practised at home ready for our weekly tests.

We have some exciting days out to different secondary schools coming up and hopefully we can get in one more school trip by the end of the year.

This term we will be learning about:

Literacy	<p>We are basing our English work on different books. The books we will be looking at this term are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kaspar: Prince of Cats by Michael Morpurgo - The Story of Titanic for Children by Joe Fullman - High Rise mystery by Sharna Jackson
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	- Firebird Saviour Pirotta by Catherine Hyde
Reading	We will be learning about different books in Guided Reading. These will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Anne Frank by Josephine Poole - Letters of the Lighthouse by Emma Carroll - Overheard in a Towerblock by Joseph Caelho - The Polar Bear Explorers Club by Alex Bell
Numeracy	In maths we will be focussing on the following: Decimals and Percentages Perimeter and Area Shape Position and Direction Volume
Science	Our Science Topics this term are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animals including Humans - Space <p>We will be covering all about the human body and how it changes over time. We will be looking at gestation periods of animals and humans too.</p>
PE	We will be going swimming every Wednesday in school time. We will also be learning all about Cricket on a Tuesday.
Art	In Art we are looking at becoming architects. We will be focussing on drawing buildings and in particular, houses.
DT	After half term, we will be looking at creating our own recipes. Learning about where produce comes from, creating our own packaging and then making a final product.
History	We are continuing learning about the Ancient Mayans.
Geography	For Geography, we will be learning all about Volcanoes and Earthquakes. We will research all about where these appear and what to do if you live near one.
RE	Year 5 will be answering the following questions in RE during the summer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How are Jewish beliefs expressed in the home? - Why do people use rituals today?
Spanish (KS2)	Lots of Spanish happening in the summer term. These topics will be covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Animals - Ice-creams - Instruments - I know how...
Computing	In Computing we will be learning how to use vector graphics and then create quizzes using programming.

Further information about the curriculum content can be found on our school website.

If you have any questions or queries about year 5, please don't hesitate to message me.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Steadman