

Welcome to Class Five and the Spring term!



Welcome back to School, as we make our way through Lent and look forward to Easter I would like to thank you for your continued support last half term. The children have settled quickly back into school and are ready for the half term ahead. I am very excited about all the interesting subject areas we will be learning about this term!

This half term our topic is all about **Explorers!**



2018 has marked the release of Peter Rabbit the Movie and 152 years since the birth of Beatrix Potter, one of the world's best-loved children's authors, who has captured our imagination for over 100 years with her beautifully illustrated Tales. In our **English lessons**, we will be learning all about **Beatrix Potter** and **Peter Rabbit**, who is an

explorer too! If you have any books please bring them in for us to share together!

You can explore the websites below for lots of fun ideas to do at home and games to play online.

<http://www.peterrabbit.com/en>

<http://www.peterrabbitclub.com/>



Subjects this term:

English	Stories by the same author- Beatrix Potter Non-chronological reports- Beatrix Potter Explorers: Neil Armstrong/ Christopher Columbus
Maths	Multiplication and Division Addition and Subtraction Fractions Length and Measures Position and Direction
Science	Plants
Computing	Programming: Using Scratch Jr
RE	Easter
Topic	History: Significant people - Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus
Explorers	Design and Technology: Mechanisms and Vehicles - wheels and axles
PE	Catching, Bouncing and Kicking
Music	'Everyday Explorers'- Exploring sounds created by using percussion and everyday objects. The Lancaster and District Schools' Singing Music Festival for our Y2 children!
PSHE	Compassion

Throughout the week, we are very lucky to be supported in Class Five by **Mrs Livesey**.

Mrs Sissons will teach your children **Science** and **French** on **Thursday mornings**.

Just a reminder... Please can children bring in the following items every day:

- **Named water bottles**- The children can access their water bottle throughout the day and they will change their water regularly
- **Reading book and record**- especially on Monday, Wednesday and Friday please.
- **Warm, waterproof coats**
- **Spelling lists on a Friday** (to update)

P.E will happen on Wednesday morning and Friday Afternoon. Please can all long hair be tied up and earrings removed on these days. Please can all children have their full P.E kit (including labelled t-shirt, shorts and pumps) in school all term.

Another reminder...

Each week children will have set **homework** that will reinforce work that the children have already been taught. Homework will be given out on **Thursday** to be returned the following **Thursday**. The children will receive **Phonics** and half termly **Topic** homework.

It is very important homework is completed for further practice and returned back to school in their homework folders. Of course, the children will be expected to read their reading books as often as possible. Reading books are changed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mrs Burrows (our lovely volunteer) will read with the children on Monday and Thursday mornings so it would be great if all children could have their books in on this day.

Thank you for all your support with the spelling lists each week. We use these spellings within our SPaG lessons. Please ensure spellings are in on Fridays (or before) so that we can change these ready for the following week.

Thank you very much for all the 'Great Fire of London' homework we have received over last half term. The children love to share their homework with each other. They have been so proud of their work and we thank you so much for your continued support.

This week, a new homework grid will go home. This will be all about our new topic '**Beatrix Potter and Explorers**'. Thank you in advance.

Our Year Two children will take part in the Lancaster and District Schools' Singing Festival this half term. We will take part in this concert on Monday 19th March at Lancaster Town Hall. There will be a letter coming soon with more information.

We are looking forward to another busy spring term in Class Five! Please feel free to pop in or catch me on the playground if you have any concerns or queries.

Best Wishes,

Miss C Garnett