

Dear Parents/carers,

I hope that you have all had a good break and are looking forward to the term ahead. I am writing to let you know about some of the things that are happening over the next few weeks and a little of what we will be doing this term.

Maths

This term, Maths will be taught by Mrs Hewitson.

During the first half term, we will be working with fractions: adding, subtracting, multiplying, comparing/ordering and converting to find equivalent fractions.

During the second half term, we will be working with decimals: adding, subtracting, comparing and rounding to the nearest whole number and to one decimal place. We will also start to learn about percentage.

We will have a mini-test every two weeks, on a Monday.

Maths Homework

Year 5 will have Maths homework every week, on a Wednesday (starting on Wednesday 24th Jan), alternating between:

- a practice copy of the test that we will do on the following Monday.
- following the test, the children will bring home a named test sheet, with any questions that they need to answer highlighted. This test sheet should be handed in on Monday.

English

In English we will be looking at poetry and persuasive writing. Through this, we will continue to focus on grammar and punctuation, as well as our work on spelling and handwriting.

Your child will continue to receive spellings every half term as well as weekly words, given out and handed in each Monday, which will be based on the spelling rules focussed on each week. A selection of these words will come up in the test at the end of the half term. The English homework will also be given out every other week, starting on Wednesday 17th Jan, to be handed in on the second Monday..

In our topic work this half term, we are asking the question 'where does our stuff come from?'. We will be learning about different countries, how

items from one country comes to another and how fairtrade can have a positive impact on some communities.

In the arts afternoons, Year 5 will have music. They will continue the brass lessons that they have had in previous years and also be listening to and composing music about and inspired by cities and towns.

Year 5 will have PE on Wednesday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Please ensure that your child has the necessary kit for these days in particular. If your child has chosen to take part in Forest School, this will take place on Wednesday afternoons.

If at any point in the year you have any queries or questions, feel free to find me at the start and end of the day.

Kind regards,

Mr Pavey