



Year 5/6

Autumn 2017 (1st half)

WELCOME BACK!

After a successful start to the year, we continue our learning this half-term with:

It's not fair!

We will learn about crime and punishment through the ages and how modern-day laws are made.

The focus will then shift from fairness of people to animals and we will consider the place of zoos and parks in animal welfare.

A final consideration will be about the impact of Fairtrade and pupils will take on the role of different countries to see how they fare in the race to be rich!

Our class text will be *Holes* by Louis Sachar. This is also a film which we will watch to make comparisons

WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Homework will not be set on specific days but rather as follow-up to work completed in class to practice and extend their learning. However, weekly expectations are:

- 10 minutes each night reading their reading book, a newspaper, a magazine or Kindle;
- 10 minutes on spellings, 3 times per week;
- 5 minutes each night on mental maths: Learn Its - times tables up to 12 x 12 for multiplication and division as well as number bonds to 20 and 100;
and, when appropriate,
- research as part of our topic.

Please encourage your child to set time aside on an evening to complete these short tasks – knowing spellings and times tables makes such a huge difference to their classwork.

READING PLUS

The children are currently taking part in a trial of this online reading programme, designed to support and extend their reading pace and comprehension. It has proved very popular (and a little competitive!) with some pupils already making huge gains in their reading ability. Please encourage your child to access this at home regularly. They all have their own login but, should you need, please contact me and I can provide this for you.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Monday:** Spelling Test.
Homework books due in.
- Tuesday:** DT with Jools
Outdoor PE with Kevin Dawson
- Wednesday:** 3-minute challenge
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** Big Maths
Swimming (Y5)
Outdoor PE (Y6)

Children should always have their reading records with them.

WATER BOTTLES

Children are encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day and should have a named water bottle in school. This will be sent home on a Friday for cleaning and should be brought back on Monday.