



Gilbertstone Primary School

Year 5 Spring 1 Newsletter



Welcome back to the new school year!

Happy New Year and welcome back! We hope that everyone had a wonderful break and that the children enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. We are looking forward to another great term and to celebrating our Year 5 homework project about oceans.

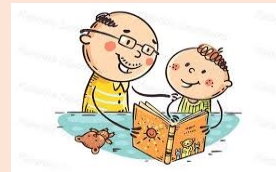
Literacy

This half term we will be focusing our literacy lessons around the award winning picture book titled 'Farther' by Grahame Baker-Smith.



Reading

Please can you continue to read with your child and fill in their orange home reading diary. Encourage your child to fill out the comments box with their opinions as well as some examples of new vocabulary.



Maths

In maths this half term, we are going to be adding more skills to multiplication and division, then applying it to our fractions work. In order to access all of the learning in Year 5 confidently, it is crucial that children know their times tables up to 12X12. **Please support your child with daily practice at home and encourage them to use TT Rockstars.**



Science

This half term, we will be learning about earth and space. By the end of the unit, we will gain a better understanding of the phases of the moon, day and night and more fun facts about the solar system.



Wider Curriculum

This half term we will have a focus on D & T and geography. In geography, we will learn all about the oceans and coral reefs and how ocean pollution can affect the marine life. In D & T we will be creating mechanical pop up books with the focus on design and function. We cannot wait to show off all of our creations!



Safer Internet Day

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY is safer internet day. We will be talking to the children about how to stay safe when using the internet and explaining who they should talk to if they see anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.



PE

Year 5 children will have outdoor PE on a **Wednesday** and indoor PE on a **Thursday**.

Please come to school in your PE kit.

PE Kits (reminder)

- Trainers or pumps
- Black or navy joggers, leggings, shorts White, grey or black t-shirt
- Black, navy or grey plain hoodie or jumper (school jumpers are also acceptable).

Forest School

Year 5 children will have Forest School once each half term.

5K will have Forest School on **Monday 20 January**

5S will have Forest School on **Friday 24 January**



Uniform

Please can you ensure that all clothing and other possessions are labelled with your child's name and class so that we can prevent items becoming lost. On PE days and on days when your child might attend an after school sports club, please ensure that they are in their PE kit. Thank you.



Thank you for your continued support.

The Year Five Team