

Summer Term 2011

Years 4 and 5

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2011 Summer Term. I hope you all managed to keep dry during the holiday. My business trip to England and Wales during the holiday meant that I enjoyed Costa del Sol weather in the U.K! As ever we are looking forward to a very busy, productive and happy term.

The school follows the British National Curriculum, Literacy, Numeracy and Spanish are taught daily. Our topics this term are:

Science: Friction

Geography: Geography and Numbers and Connecting ourselves to the world.

History: How can we find out about the Indus Valley Civilisation.

ICT: Research engines, word processing and typing skills.

Art and Design: Drawing techniques and creating a book from WWII stories.

P.S.H.E: Behaviour, cooperation, communication and moving on.

Music: Choral work.

Mathematics: To continue as before in two groups

Yr 5/6 - Mr Jacey

Yr 4/5 - Miss Patricia

Homework: Given on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, to be given in the following day.

Homework will continue to be targeted to very specific areas of practice in maths. It is vital that the children complete this homework independently. This ensures that any difficulties that arise in completing the homework can be seen and addressed further in class.

SPELLINGS: "Gladiator" and "Power Team" groups will continue to have classical spelling lists as before. Given on Monday for a test on Friday.

"A Team" will be given classical spellings and a phonic spelling lists.

"S.O.S." Team will be given a phonic list only.

Reading Books:

Yr 5 - 20 minutes per day

Yr 4 - 15 minutes per day

Some children are independently recording what they read in their reading records which I check.

I listen to the Yr 4/5 group 5 times per week in class.

I listen to Yr 5/6 group 3 times per week in class.

Where your child is reading independently I would ask you to listen to them read out loud twice a week. This is really good for self-esteem.

Children whose reading is still being supervised by parents at home, will you please continue to listen and practice each day with your child.

School Uniform: From May 3rd Summer Uniform. You can check the list of clothing for summer on the notice board at the entrance of the office.

As you are aware, all children must wear the correct full School Uniform at all times. Please ensure that all items of school uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. Items of uniform are mislaid on a daily basis, due to these not being correctly labelled with the child's name. Shoes should be black or navy blue and long hair must be tied back at all times.

Pencil Case: All the children in Year 4/5/6 have either a Berol Handwriting Pen or a first Berol Fountain Pen. The children all know when and where to use their pens. Please still provide a pencil case to include 2 pencils and a closed sharpener, 20cm ruler for homework and a pack of coloured pencils (No Rubbers/Erasers)

School begins promptly at 09.10am and finishes at 4pm. Please ensure that you bring and collect your child promptly as late arrivals and collections can be very upsetting for your child and are disruptive to the whole class. If your child is absent for any reason please inform the office as soon as possible. If someone else who is unknown to us is collecting your child, please contact the office. The school must know at all times who they are handing custody over to.

If you have any queries/concerns, please feel free to speak to me, after school is preferable. For longer discussion time, please make an appointment either with myself or with our secretary Miss Joanne in the office. Please do not feel you have to wait for parents evening.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Patricia.