



Flamingo's Newsletter

Terms 1 and 2 (2019)

Important Dates:

1st & 2nd October 2019

- Parents Evenings

21st October to 25th October Half Term

7th November

- Into Film Festival

14th November

- Individual School Photography

18th December 2019

- End of Term 2

Welcome to Year 5



Year 5 Team

Ms Hills and Mrs Drake

Welcome back after a wonderful summer. We hope you managed to enjoy yourselves.

The children have entered in to year 5 well and are developing an understanding of the class routines. Our timetable has changed slightly this year, as we shall now enjoy our AR sessions later in the morning. Within the class these sessions will focus on information retrieval, comprehension, handwriting and reading, on a carousel system. Spelling Shed continues as part of our afternoon activities, with an aim to develop and progress their current spelling skills, with a test taking place on Monday afternoon. The group spellings will be uploaded to the spelling shed app, for your child/ren to enjoy accessing at home. Please feel free to enquire how to access if you are experiencing problems. Routinely the children will enjoy music lessons on Monday, with PE and ICT on Wednesday and the school library on Tuesday.

The team are very excited about the term ahead, as the children will be studying the Americas; identifying their spiritual animal; investigating tribes across both North and South America; understanding tribal lifestyles and creating jewellery and totem poles that represent their personal traits as well as their given tribes. Each pupil has been grouped into 'Tribes', working collaboratively to support their peer's learning and team building skills. Looking across the curriculum, they shall bring together the lifecycles of various creatures - comparing those both locally and within the Americas, together with widening their knowledge of the landscapes and environmental changes across such a vast area. With such significant damage to the Amazon, we shall be learning of this impact on the local Amazonian habitat, as well the world. Please do encourage your child/ren to discuss what is happening in the world around us, using Newsround Extra or the like to stimulate discussion. This will support their ability debate within class. It is important we focus on each child having a voice and an opinion and the strength to share, even if different from others. We hope the children will truly become great listeners, as well as contributors.

Just to remind you that our school day begins at 8:40am. Unless your child attends breakfast club they will need to be dropped off at the gate. It is key that the children arrive promptly, as we shall be investigating a new project within the class, as part of their morning task - to develop their mathematical recall skills. We are hoping the children will become much more confident with maths following the rapid recall scheme. The day will end at 3:15pm, when the children will be released from the side gate, either independently or to their significant adult. If there is a change in adult who is collecting them, or to the situation, it is important that you let the office know, or provide a note to the class. It is important that we instill children's independence so we encourage children to delivery all letters to the staff within the classroom and deal with accordingly. Should you ever need to make contact, please feel free to provide a note with your child or leave a message at the office and I shall endeavor to get back to you.

We will visit the school library once a week where your child will be able to choose a book to come home. They will also be receiving new AR books, which they are encouraged to bring home and read, with their adults. Books provide a great widening of language and stimulate ideas and concepts within their writing. Please do encourage your child/ren to read each evening.

Finally, keep your eyes peeled on the school's Twitter feed for tweets, school blog/Seesaw to view class activities and your child's learning achievements.

Thank you for your support
Ms Hills and Mrs Drake

Physical Education

PE lessons will take place on a Wednesday

- A full PE kit is expected to be labeled with your child's full name and left in school for the term.

Team t-shirts are available to buy from the front office

Please remember to bring

- A named water bottle everyday
- A book bag
- Name all items of clothing

Family Learning:

- Family Learning will be handed out on at the end of the week and expected back on a Wednesday. It will focus on the topic for the term and will help to stimulate conversations at home, so you can become more aware of their learning opportunities.

Reading Books:

- Please encourage your child to read to you and discuss the story and characters, to develop their understanding and understanding of vocabulary, to use in context.