

# Year 5 - Summer 1



Well it's the summer term – I'm certainly hoping for some summer weather soon!

As the weather improves, it is increasingly important that children bring a water bottle to school every day. We have been talking about plastic use in class and it is good to see so many children don't bring in single use water bottles – we're trying to do our bit for the environment!

If you have any queries or concerns, do see me after school or contact me via Seesaw, and I look forward to seeing you at Parents' Evening shortly.

Mrs Smith

## Maths

We will be covering a range of topics including statistics, perimeter and area and shape.

### How can you help?

Top marks education has lots of fun maths games! www.topmarks.co.uk

Make sure they keep practising on **Times Tables Rock Stars** – last year's login still works for them.
I know some children have been using the **White Rose App,** which is free, and has lots of good quick skills. If your child hasn't logged on yet, why not encourage them to do so?

# English

This half term our focus for writing will be writing a balanced argument, particularly thinking about the questions: 'Is graffiti art?' and 'How much time should we spend on screens?' The skills we learn in these sessions will help when we prepare for the Debating Competition at the Civic Centre that we will be entering in June. We will continue to do a lot of work to improve our reading skills.

## How can you help?

Each week, your child has a spelling list to learn. Some children practise these and score well, some children have only handed in / put on Seesaw, their spelling homework once or twice since September. Reading will be appearing on Seesaw again.

### Curriculum

This half term in **Science** the children will be learning all about **'Earth and Space'**.

In **History** we will be finding out about **'Changing Britain'** – all of the things we will be looking at happened in my life time (though I was too young to be aware of some of them) but it makes me feel old! Your child will be finding out about how civil rights have changed in the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and into this century.

Music will be led by external teachers and we will be improving our ukulele skills.

# Useful Information

### PE DAY - TUESDAY

Remembering kit is really important – light blue PE shirt, dark blue shorts, (leggings are allowed for girls) trainers or sandshoes. A water bottle is really important too.

### Open Evening - Wednesday 24th April

Children from our class can join the **CHEFF** club after school on Thursdays this half term – if you want then to attend, make sure you fill in the form

IF you want your child **to walk home unaccompanied** this term, please make sure you fill in the form.

Don't forget to look at X (Twitter) for pictures of what is going on in school.



Remember to look at the Seesaw app to your phone or other smart device to see what homework your child has been set as well as messages and newsletters.