



St Edmund's RC Primary School
SUMMER TERM 2019
Year 5 Class Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing and peaceful Easter break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm for their final term in Year 5.

Curriculum

This term we will be studying the Anglo-Saxons and the Vikings. We will be researching many aspects of these topics, including timelines, settlements, locations, beliefs, daily life and artefacts.

In Maths, the children will continue to develop mental and written calculation methods. They will also carry on consolidating their understanding of place value and decimals, data, measures and fractions. Reasoning and problem solving are an ongoing focus in Maths, enabling the children to develop a deeper understanding of Maths as a relevant and powerful tool which can be used in a variety of settings. The children will continue to develop their mathematical skills through regular investigations which enable them to apply their knowledge to solving problems, as well as completing word problems which relate to real-life scenarios. This ensures that Maths comes to life as the children see its relevance outside the classroom.

Our science topics will be: Living things and their habitats followed by Animals, including humans. The children will be developing an understanding of lifecycles, different parts of flowers and how they reproduce, moving on to learning how animals adapt according to their habitat.

Homework

Homework will continue to be given out on Fridays and is expected back on the following **Wednesday**. Homework will include Maths, English/Topic and Spellings every week. Reading is really important (and enjoyable!), as it helps children to improve their writing. This term we are focussing on developing and broadening the children's vocabulary, especially in topic specific words. Please try to use new words with your children at home to encourage them to take on board new vocabulary and to ask questions about the meaning of new words. There is an expectation that your child will read at home every day, whether this is a book, newspaper, magazine or any other source of writing, for **at least** 20 minutes. Talking to your child about what they have read, and encouraging them to ask questions, will help them to deepen their understanding. Please also encourage your child to keep learning their times tables. They need to memorise these so they can recall them instantly rather than "work them out" so we

appreciate your support in helping them with this. There are lots of games online you could try at home e.g. <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

School Uniform and PE kit

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct summer uniform and that all items of clothing are clearly named. NB The summer *dress* is a dark blue check.

All pupils are expected to have PE kit for indoor and outdoor activities, which includes footwear that is suitable for each setting. It is advisable for children to keep their PE kits in school all week so that they can take part in any extra physical activities that may take place at short notice.

Please ensure that your child has school regulation PE kit, including a plain red polo shirt. Many thanks for your support and understanding.

If you have any queries or if you wish to talk to us, we are available after school on most days. If you would prefer to arrange a meeting to discuss anything at length, then please let us know or contact the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Attridge, Mrs. Kucz and Mrs. Pritchard