

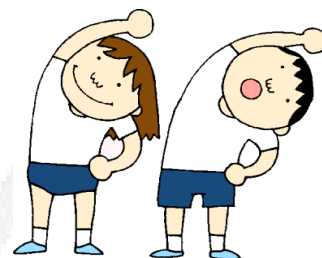
## Summer Term – Stingray Parent Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We all hope you had a great Easter and, like us, are looking forward to some warmer weather! We hope you had a good break from school and that the children are well rested and ready for another hard working term.

### PE Kit

PE days this term will be **Mondays** and **Fridays** for the first half term and **Tuesdays and Fridays** for the second half of the term. Your child's kit needs to be in school every day just in case these sessions change for any reason. Please make sure that they have navy blue shorts, t-shirt, trainers and appropriate clothing for going outside (including a cap or hat if needed). Feel free to take your child's kit home on a Friday if it needs washing but do please remember to send it back in on a Monday. Please remember to label all PE kit, school tops, jumpers and trainers/shoes. This is also important for all uniform and coats.



### Homework

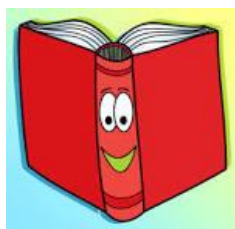
Year 5 homework is set and handed in as detailed below. We expect all homework to be completed to the same standard as any work they would do in their books at school and any homework which is not presented at a suitable standard may have to be re-done.

**Tuesday** – A piece of maths homework to be completed by the following Monday. They will do this homework in their homework book or it will be completed on line on the active learn website. We would also like them to practise their times tables and other key number recall facts- e.g number bonds to 10 or 100. Mrs Churchill will keep the children informed of the times table the children should be focusing on. The children are now being tested every Thursday to check that they are working on their target. Hit the Button, which can be on the following link, <http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> is a great way to practise times tables and number facts.

**Friday** - Spellings or word and sentence work will be given out on Friday to be handed in on the following Friday. This homework should be completed in their spelling book.

If homework is not handed in on time then children are expected to complete it during lunchtime.

**Reading** – It is still vital that your child reads daily, preferably with you or at least discusses what they have read with you. This has a real impact on all of their work and really increases the vocabulary they are able to use in their written work. We will be using the library more this term to encourage the children to read a wider variety of books and encourage them to read for enjoyment.



The children are expected to complete two reading journal activities each week, during registration time. However, if they don't manage to complete them, then they will need to complete them at home.

We are also continuing with our Guided Reading sessions, which have had a noticeable impact on all the children's progress in reading. Following this session on a **Wednesday**, the children will all be set an activity, as well as reading some of the book. Again they may have time

during school to start this task, but may have to finish it at home. Please help your child to organise themselves to complete all these tasks on time.



### **Water bottles**

Please remember to send your child in with a named water bottle which they can keep in the classroom as drinks from the water fountain are only available during break and lunch times. This is particularly important as the weather gets warmer (hopefully!).

### **Sun safety**

In the event of sunny weather, please make sure that you apply sun cream to your child before they come to school and encourage them to bring a hat/cap that they can wear when they are outside.

### **Curriculum**

The topic this term is called launched this topic with a rainforests and where the made some fantastic salt some very creative 'frog Geography, Art and DT will looking into an exciting end of year trip with a 'forest theme'.



'The Awesome Amazon'. We have week of activities learning about the Amazon is located. The children have dough maps of South America and done art.' Much of their English, Science, be linked to the topic. We are currently

### **Attendance**

Good attendance is vital for success, so please bear in mind that if your child is well enough to potter about at home then they are probably well enough to be in school. As long as they always work hard and join in with enthusiasm then they will have personal success.

### **Problems and Concerns**

We all hope that everything continues to run smoothly this year but would stress that if you do have any problems or concerns that you come and see one as soon as possible. Mornings are always busy but we will find time if it is urgent. Otherwise please catch us before school to arrange a time when we can meet to discuss your concern in more detail.

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