

# Hartwell Primary School

January 2019

Dear Parents,

## **R.E: Spring Term Homework letter**

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great Christmas break. I'm sure that the children are raring to go as they are such an enthusiastic group of learners! We have a brilliant topic this term: Planet Earth, which will culminate in a fun flag challenge to see who knows the most flags of the world. Our homework this term is as follows:

- Two piece of homework that will be set (and due in) on a Wednesday and a Thursday. I have been impressed by the general quality of homework and how it's presented with both care and accuracy (using black pen or pencil).
- The children will still have **spellings** every Monday to learn and I cannot stress enough how important it is that children learn their spellings carefully at home. Little and often is much more effective than looking at them once a week.
- The children will continue to have a times table test which, in Year 5, is of paramount importance. Not knowing your tables at this stage makes working accurately so difficult and frustrating for the children. Importantly last term, some children have thrilled me with their commitment by spending their free time practising their tables. Again five minutes a day is much more effective than a once a week effort.
- It's a good idea to send PE kits in on a Monday and keep them in all week but feel free to send in a warmer (mud-friendly) kit for Hockey on a Monday.

Class 5 are avid readers and their reading is the talk of the school as they can be found in every corner of the school curled up with a book. This is awesome! If I can be of any help when it comes to practising at home, then please don't hesitate to pop in and I will do all I can to help you. May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S McCulloch

# Topics This Term

## Literacy –

- Poetry
- Narrative writing (flashback stories, parallel plots)
- Argument texts
- Report writing
- Persuasive writing

## Numeracy –

- Work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Fractions
- Data handling
- Solving word problems
- Negative numbers
- Angles
- Area and perimeter
- Probability
- Refining mental methods

## ICT-

Control and monitoring (setting up instructions to control aspects of fantasy rooms, creating traffic light controls)  
Graphical Modelling  
Using spreadsheets to aid decision making  
Evaluating databases

## Science-.....Micro-organisms

- Balanced and Unbalanced Forces
- Reversible & Irreversible Changes
- Circuits

## Geography.....Rainforests

## D.T.....Making 3D Monsters

## RE.....What Its Like being A Sikh In Britain Today

## PE .....Gymnastics and Dance

## PSHE.....Tackling drugs

Developing a healthier and safer lifestyle