

CLASS 5

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to an exciting new school year, after what we hope was an enjoyable and relaxing summer break. This Newsletter will provide some useful information about what is happening in our class during this, the Autumn term. Our theme is **The Local Area** and we will make exciting and relevant cross-curricular links with all subject areas. We will be finding out what makes Burstwick unique. We will be researching the history of the village and the people and history of Kingston upon Hull.



We are delighted to announce that we have established a 'school-link' partnership with another primary school in New Zealand. This partnership will have many benefits, including the children on both sides of the world creating information about their local area to share with the other school. By doing this we will be able to enrich our knowledge of New Zealand by learning about their culture and customs whilst comparing them to our own.



As a class, we are reading the J.R.R. Tolkien novel The Hobbit and will be using this story for not only Reading and Writing activities but also Art and Music. We had an enjoyable first day back at school with our Hobbit Day and the children made the most of dressing as wizards, elves and hobbits. Continuous feasting

and the drinking of "wine and beer" was a great way to begin the new school year!



The children will continue to be taught as a whole class or in small groups with activities and tasks differentiated to meet their needs. As always, they will be encouraged to continue to work independently, leading their own research and learning.

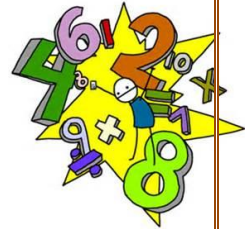
Our Science topic this term is Living Things and their Life Cycles. We will be investigating how living things reproduce and we will be researching the life and work of the scientist Jane Goodall.



Later in the term, our focus will turn to ourselves as we will explore: human life cycles, our circulatory system, the impact of diet and exercise on our bodies and the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within us.

Reading is still extremely important in Year 5, and you play a vital role in this, so please encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts and question their understanding of it. Even the most able readers benefit from reading out loud, so try and make it a regular part of your routine.

Quick recall of times tables are also vital, so please continue to practise these with your child. Children are expected to know all their times tables by the end of Year 4!



In class, I will be supported by Mrs Blanchard and Mrs Jones. My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Wednesday afternoon when the children will be P.E. by Mrs Addison. All children need a plain white T-shirt, black shorts and trainers for P.E.

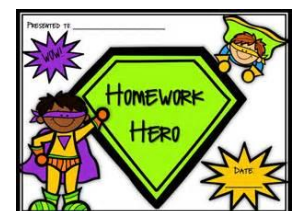


Please remember to send your child with a water bottle which can be refilled from the water cooler during the school day. Hydration is vital to keep healthy and maintain concentration.

A Homework Grid will be sent home with a variety of weekly tasks on for your child to select from and complete.

Homework needs to be returned on a Wednesday.

A set of spellings will also be sent home each Friday for your child to practise.



We are looking forward to an exciting, fun and challenging term. Please remember you are always welcome to come in and talk to us if you have any concerns, queries or just want to have a chat.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Shaw, Mrs Blanchard & Mrs Jones

The Class 5 Team