



Spring Term 2024

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a good Christmas break and the children are refreshed and ready to learn. We had an absolutely fantastic first term in Lime Class! We explored a variety of different topics (including Ancient Egypt and Space) and we were lucky enough to go on an incredible trip to Winchester Science Centre and Planetarium as part of our learning journey. This term promises to be equally as exciting!

### Learning Journey

We start this term's work with our Route 66 learning journey. We will be learning all about the different human and physical features of North America and I know that many of you have been looking forward to getting stuck into some Geography (Mr Jeffries included). For more details on the work that we will be carrying out this term and across the entirety of Year 5, please visit the school website where you will find an overview for the year.



### English

This year our focus in writing is to continue to develop the children's understanding of writing for purpose. Additionally will be having a whole school focus on vocabulary and presentation of work - encouraging children to take pride in every piece of work.



This half term we will be focusing on writing to entertain. Our taught lessons will be linked to our fantastic new class text: 'The Nowhere Emporium'. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in some free writing sessions, during which, they are able to choose their own topic to write about.

Reading is very important and we expect all children to read frequently at home. We fully appreciate that most children enjoy reading on their own but the conversation you can have with your child during and after they have read can dramatically improve their understanding of the book and sometimes heighten their interest. Children should record all the reading they do in their reading record. Please ensure this comes to school every day.

### Maths

Please support your child in ensuring that they are fluent with their times tables as this is an integral part of Maths. It is important that these facts are practised, learnt and retained (2x-12x). If your child is already confident with tables, move onto recalling division facts. As a school we have bought into some good programmes that they children



can use at home to practice their maths skills. TTRockstars is a great resource from practicing times tables and Numbots is good for practicing general maths skills.

## PE

Our PE sessions this term will take place twice a week - Tuesdays and Thursdays (as we no longer have swimming on a Friday afternoon). Children should come to school in their PE kits on these days. Please ensure that children have the correct PE kit and earrings **MUST NOT be worn to school** on PE days. If children are wearing earrings, they will be unable to participate.

## Homework

Weekly homework will continue to be set on a Thursday and should be uploaded onto Seesaw by the following Wednesday morning (unless stated otherwise). There will be maths/writing/topic homework each week. The homework will be linked to learning from that week so it is essential that every child attempts their homework and that a good effort is made to complete it to a high standard. For many children, homework is a good stepping stone in preparation for secondary school. In addition to the set homework each week, children are encouraged to practice their tables using Times Table Rockstars.

## Essentials in Lime class

Please bring to school -

- A named water bottle
- A waterproof coat (ESSENTIAL THIS TERM)
- A fruit snack for break time
- A **small** rucksack containing reading book and reading record

Similarly to last term, the children have been provided with a small pencil case with all the essentials for their learning. This will be kept in school and they should not need to bring in any other pencil case from home.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

Kind Regards

Mr Jeffries