



Barcroft
Primary School



Y5 Spring Term Newsletter 2020

JANUARY 2020

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Key Dates

Monday 6th January–

Children back to school.

Tuesday 14th January–

Trip to National Justice Museum. 8.15am—
Approx 4pm return.

Wednesday 15th January–

Swimming lessons begin for Y5.

Tuesday 28th January–

Parent Topic Workshop 1.45 - 3.00pm

Thursday 13th February–

Barcroft Celebration Assembly.

Monday 17th February–

Friday 21st February—Half Term!

Monday 24th February–

staff inset day

Tuesday 25th February–

Back To School!

Tuesday 25th and Thursday 27th February–

Parent's Evening.

Thursday 5th March–

World Book Day

Friday 3rd April–

break up for Easter

Happy New Year!

Welcome Back!

Welcome back! Last term was a very busy but successful term. Year 5 worked extremely hard and we are very proud of the great start they made to the year! I'm sure the children will continue to work hard this term!

Uniform

Please make sure that your child is wearing full school uniform when attending school.

PE Kit/Swimming Kit

Year 5 will be starting their Swimming lessons in January. This is a compulsory part of the curriculum and the children will be expected to participate with the lessons.

Punctuality

Being punctual is vital to a child's learning. Our school day begins at 8:50am with registration and an early morning activity. Guided reading is an essential part of the day, which begins promptly at 9.00am every morning. If, for any reason, your child is late, then this will impact on your child's progression with reading.

How can I help my child?

It would be great if you could find some time to read with your child; listen to them read aloud or work with them and support them with any writing or spellings. There are a range of resources the children can use at home including Bug

Club, TTRockstars and Spelling and Maths Shed.

Year 5– Homework

Homework is given out on Wednesday and is due back in the following Monday.

Homework will consist of spellings, Maths and English homework. At times, there may be reading comprehension and research homework linked with our topics.

Please encourage your child to complete their homework. If, for any reason, they are unsure of what to do, please speak to the class teacher.

Reading

Reading books will be issued on a Wednesday and are due back on Mondays.

Please make sure that the reading diary is signed so that we can issue a new book to your child. Also ensure that your child's reading book is sent in to school every week, even if they have not finished reading it so that we can keep a record of the books. If for any reason a book has been lost then please notify the class teacher.

We ask you to support your child by reading for 5-10 minutes each day at home. Please encourage your child to use Bug Club at home.

Speed Readers

Children now have access to a program called Speed Readers, which can be

used at home to develop the ability to read accurately at speed. We ask you to support your child by reading aloud for 5-10 minutes each day at home. Please continue to encourage your child to use Bug club at home also.

Spelling Shed

Spellings play an important part in your child's learning. Please support them with their learning or practicing of spellings. The children really enjoy using Spelling Shed in school, please encourage this at home if possible.

Contact and communication

We will continue to send messages and communicate with parents through the 'MarvellousMe' app and Emails. Please ensure you have informed the school of your updated email address. Could you also please ensure that the office have up to date information of people who are allowed to collect your child. This is vitally important to safeguard children, and your understanding with this is appreciated.

Thank you!

Once again, we would like to thank you for your continued support. If you can, please participate in parent workshops as the children really enjoy sharing their learning with their parents.

What are we learning in January?

Creative Curriculum

During the Spring Term, Year 5 will begin the year with the title of their topic 'Send 'em Down!' This topic is linked to Crime and Punishment which will include describing how crime and punishment has changed over a period of time.

Children have the amazing opportunity to visit the National Justice Museum which links in nicely with our topic.

In English, Children will be studying the text 'Alex Rider– Stormbreaker' by Antony Horowitz.

In Maths, Children will begin focusing with multiplication and division using written methods, while still revisiting their previous learning of place value and the four operations. Children will have weekly arithmetic sessions as well as maths comprehension at the end of the week. Please encourage your child to learn their timetables and use TTRockstars!

Your children are our top priority. If you have any questions or queries, please leave a message at the start of the school day. Appointments can be made to see the class teacher who will also be available at the end of the school day.

Mrs Haughey & The Year 5 Team