

## Year 5/6NL Newsletter Spring 2022

Dear Parent,

This letter includes some additional information for parents and pupils. The Year 5/6 class is taught by Mr Lane, Miss Morgan and Miss John. Mr Williams will be teaching the pupils on Tuesday afternoons, covering PPA.

**Homework** will be set regularly (normally Mon - spelling, Wed – Maths/Topic) in the form of Maths, Spelling, English, tables/mental arithmetic, research work or reading. In addition, **'Takeaway Homework'** tasks will be set which are more open ended and research type tasks. These are all an important aspect of learning and an opportunity to develop and consolidate skills acquired in the classroom. At the present time all homework will be sent online (see below). **Google Classroom (Hwb)** will form a very important part of our learning through independent learning / flipped teaching so pupils will need access to a laptop/device and use their Hwb usernames and passwords. Google Classroom will be the preferred learning platform. It is especially important to establish this online contact with pupils in the event that circumstances change.

Our topics this Spring term:

**Roses and Royals** – Pupils will research what life was like in the Tudor era.

**Eisteddfod** – A fun theme that will involve art, performing and learning about Welsh culture.

**Wellbeing/Outdoor Learning** – Mindfulness/general wellbeing sessions and outdoor learning challenges to develop skills.

**Planting/Gardening** Outdoor sessions as the growing season approaches.

**Read Write Inc** which is part of our English Scheme.

**Mathematics** this term we will be consolidating number work in the four rules. We will also be studying area, shape and data handling.

**P.E. kits** – Could children please come to school in their PE kits on **Fridays** (might be subject to change). P.E. kit – white/pale blue t-shirt, navy/grey/black shorts or joggers and sweatshirt, trainers, sports bag, water bottle (all items clearly named). We are currently having **fortnightly rugby sessions on a Wednesday**.

**Reading books** Pupils will be given a reading book and record book which will remain in school for the time being. These will be monitored weekly and changed as required. This includes pupils who may now be on free reading books as their reading progress will be tracked and assessed.

Diolch - Mr Lane, Miss Morgan, Miss John & Mr Williams.