



Year Five Newsletter

Autumn 1, September 2018



Welcome to Year Five!

We're so excited to welcome you all to Year Five and the Later Phase of Learning here at Saltaire. This year our two classes are called 5H (Miss Hayden) and 5SW (Mrs Shillaker [Mon-Wed] and Miss Woolley [Thu-Fri]). We are supported by Mrs Wilson and Miss Nichol and are fortunate to have Mrs Weldon, a trainee teacher, working alongside us in our team.

This half term promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities for our Year Five children. Our topic is 'World War II' and we will be learning about many aspects of this topic: evacuation, the Blitz, rationing and propaganda to name just a few. We are looking forward to visiting Eden Camp: a WWII related museum which occupies a former Second World War prisoner-of-war camp on Wednesday 3rd October.

We look forward to meeting you at our forthcoming events, including our induction evening later this month on Monday 24th September.



Mathematics

For this half term we will be mastering place value by reading, writing, ordering, comparing and rounding numbers to at least one million. We will also be exploring negative numbers and Roman numerals. Later, we will then apply our skills when adding and subtracting increasingly large numbers and in problem solving contexts. We will also be regularly working on speed and fluency in arithmetic.

Maths homework will be provided to sharpen your child's arithmetic skills. It will be sent home each Friday and is to be returned by the following Friday, to be shared in class.

Important Dates

14th September: The Big Start parade

24th September: Induction Evening,
6.30-8pm.

25th September: European Day of
Languages

28th September: Individual Photographs

3rd October: Year Five Eden Camp
visit (a letter will follow shortly)

10th and 11th October: Parent
Consultation evenings

English

We kick off our literacy journey by exploring the outbreak of war and applying our knowledge and understanding into writing newspaper reports to inform. We will then read and share the text *Friend or Foe* by Michael Morpurgo, a text based around the evacuation of two children from London during the war. We will use the text to help us prepare a letter and diary entry, before writing our own version of the story's ending.

Spellings

Your child will receive spellings every Friday to practise, before being tested the following Friday. This half term we will be focusing on words which have the following endings: cious, tious, 'vowel sound 'i' spelt with a 'y' and in addition, homophones and near homophones. In addition, you will find attached the list of words all children in the Later Phase (Years Five and Six) ought to be able to read, use and spell by the end of Key Stage Two. Please regularly practise these words with your child.

Science

In Science on Thursday afternoons, we will be working scientifically to:

- Compare and group together everyday materials on the basis of their properties, including their hardness, transparency and conductivity (electrical and thermal)
- Give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials

PE



PE will be held on Monday afternoons this term and will take place outside. It will be taught by Miss Brett.

This half term we will be practising our skills when participating in invasion games. Please ensure that your child is wearing their School PE uniform. You can find details of this on the school website.

The children will attend swimming lessons at Shipley pool every Friday afternoon, commencing on Friday 7th September. Please refer to our more detailed letter with regard to the arrangements.

Learning Logs

These will be sent home on Monday 15th October, to be completed and returned by Monday 5th November.

On this afternoon, we will be holding a Learning Log Exhibition in which children will present their project to their class. Each child will vote for their favourite three and prizes will be awarded. The winning learning log entrees will then join Mr Evans for a celebratory tea party.

Time to Talk

We will be spending this half term taking part in lots of transition activities, getting to know each other and our new surroundings. We will also be developing our Play Pal skills.

Computing

This half term, we are learning about different means of communication, such as Morse code and Semaphore code. We will also make links to this in our maths lessons.

Should you have any queries, please let us know. In the meantime, we look forward to a term of exciting learning and great progress!
With our best regards,

Miss Hayden, Mrs Shillaker and Miss Woolley

