



January 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Teynham Primary School; I hope that you have all had a very enjoyable break over the Christmas holidays.

Native Americans

This term, our topic is the Native Americans. During this term, we will be learning about the lives of Native American people. We will be learning about the key events in the life of Pocahontas and using this to write a biography. In addition, we will be researching different Native American tribes and finding out about how they lived including: food, clothes, homes and jobs. We will be making some Native American art and using this to help us design totem poles and dream catchers.

Curriculum

Our story in Guided Reading this term will be 'In the Footsteps of Crazy Horse.' Through our English lessons, we will be learning about traditional Native American stories, including 'The Bear who Stole the Chinook.' We will be using this story to make our own Native American inspired story.

In Maths, we will be learning how to multiply and divide by 2 digit numbers and using this knowledge to solve problems. In addition, we will be learning about fractions including: equivalent, improper and mixed numbers.

In Science, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. In RE, we will be learning about the People of God.

Reading

Reading continues to form a highly important part of Year 5 and your child is expected to read daily in order to help them develop their reading ability. Your child has been issued with a staged book, but they are welcome to read any other books that interest them too. Reading records can be completed either by your child or by yourself, however if your child does complete the comment section, please could you sign the record each week to show that you have seen it. Reading records then need to be returned each Friday so that I can see the reading that your child has completed.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday to be returned the following Thursday. This will often be linked to the topic we will be studying, but may be focused on other curriculum areas such as Science.

Homework tasks for Maths will be set via the MyMaths website. If you need your child's username and password sent home again, please let me know.

P.E.

PE lessons will take place on Mondays and Tuesdays this term. Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit (t shirt, shorts and plimsolls) in school on these days so that they can fully participate in these lessons.

If you have anything further you wish to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me by making an appointment at the office.

Best wishes,

Miss Tapsell
Year 5 Class Teacher