

Year 5 Miss Parker



Please can we remind everyone of the importance of every effort not to miss a minute of school! Each week the children can win an award for attendance for their class. Our aim at Green Gates is to have children in school, on time every day. It is absolutely vital that the children are on the yard for **8.50am** each morning.

Thank you for your support with this.

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to another term at Green Gates. I hope that you have enjoyed your Christmas holidays and that the children are refreshed and ready to learn.

For the first 5 weeks of Spring term, we will be joined by a student teacher from Durham University who will be teaching in Year 5. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to come and speak to me.

After School Clubs

This term, there are a number of after school clubs for children to take part in, from tag rugby and netball to library club. If you choose to attend an after school club, please ensure you attend each week as there are limited spaces for each.

Home Learning

To help your child make the best possible progress, we need your help at home. Each week your child will receive reading, spellings & times tables home learning activities. Please can you support your child with completing these activities. We appreciate and value your support with this.

Our Curriculum this term:



In **English**, we will be looking at a range of text types linked to our new topic including narratives, character profiles, information texts, persuasive texts, arguments and recounts.



In **Maths**, we will be looking at lots of reasoning and problem solving involving multiplication and division of 4 digit numbers by 1 and 2 digit numbers. We will be comparing and ordering fractions, learning to recognise mixed numbers and improper fractions and convert from one form to another as well as adding and subtracting fractions. In addition, we will be working with decimals and percentages.



Our **Spring term topic** in Y5/6 is China. During this exciting topic, the children will explore the location and culture of China and investigate how it differs to our own country. The children will be transported back in time to Ancient China where they will learn about some of the earliest dynasties. The children will celebrate Chinese New Year in style and develop their understanding and appreciation of this important event. Traditional Willow Patterns will provide the stimulus for some wonderful artwork and the children will be given the chance to design their own Willow pattern plate. Pupils will also sample some traditional Chinese cuisine. A visit to the Oriental museum will provide the perfect opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding. Look out for an invitation to share some of the wonderful work Year 5 produce throughout this topic.

Essential information

This term, Year 5 will be swimming every Monday afternoon starting next week (15th January). Please ensure that your child brings an appropriate swimming costume and towel into school each week. Swimming shorts must be above the knee and no bikinis please.

Spellings and Times Tables will be sent home every Monday. Please encourage your child to learn them as the children will be tested on the spellings and tables on the following Friday.



Reading books- Please support your child's learning by listening to them read on a regular basis and filling in their reading record book. Reading books must be in school every day. Remember our 'Read for the Stars' scheme which rewards the pupils for reading daily. Thank you for your support in Autumn term with this- we have had a number of children reaching the Sun already!