

Year 5

Spring Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year. We hope you have enjoyed the Christmas break.

To kick start this term, we are going to be spending time learning about Douglas Bader. We feel passionate that children learn about the man who is an important figure in Thornaby's proud past and heritage. We will be hosting a celebration event for parents and carers to come into school and look at the work that the children have completed on Douglas Bader and their Topic from last half term - World War 2. We look forward to welcoming you into our class. A letter will be sent home regarding dates and times for this event.

After this, Year 5 will be learning about the Victorians. The time when Queen Victoria reigned is called the Victorian era or Victorian age. She was queen from 1837 to 1901, and Year 5 will be finding out about the many things that happened in Britain during that time.



In English, we will be reading the novel Cosmic. This is a story about Liam, who is too big for his boots and his football strip and his school blazer. Long-legged Liam makes a giant leap for boy-kind by competing with a group of adults for the chance to go into space. Sometimes being big isn't all about being a grown-up.



PE

PE is on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** afternoon for Year 5. Please ensure that children bring the correct kit every week. PE kit is a plain green t-shirt, plain black shorts and appropriate footwear/trainers. Children will also need to bring in appropriate outdoor clothing such as: a jacket, leggings, jogging bottoms etc. Earrings must be removed for PE.



Home Learning

- Children are expected to read at least **5 times a week**. For each day that they read, they can gain a signature on their reading rocket to help them reach the Sun in our Read for the Stars reading challenge.
- Children will receive **spellings** and **times tables** to learn on a **Monday** and will be tested the following Monday.



To help assist with their spellings, children can go onto 'Spelling Shed' - an online learning platform to practice spellings - at home if they have access to the internet.

To help them learn their times tables, they can log onto Times Tables Rockstars. Children also have a weekly slot to access this website in school.



E-Safety

Safe and appropriate usage of the internet is of the utmost importance to us all. Therefore, we encourage parents and carers to continue *to be highly vigilant* when the children are using home devices.

Uniform

Our uniform policy states that children wear black shoes or **plain** black trainers. Children not wearing the appropriate footwear will be asked to wear plimsolls. Hair must be tied up and earrings must be studs that children can remove independently.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Horrigan and Miss Alder