

Topic

This half term we are learning about Mountains. We will be learning how mountains are formed as well as researching some more famous mountain climbers. Our writing will be linked to our topic as we will be writing a diary from the point of view of an Everest explorer and an explanation text. Our class readers will also be linked to our topic. We will be reading King of the Cloud Forests by Michael Morpurgo, The Ice Palace by Robert Swindell and a true story about climbing Everest. Our science work is all about forces. We will be conducting lots of experiments to learn about gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. Our PSHE topic is Celebrating Difference. We will be learning about the differences in our community, as well as why it is important to value individuality. It is also Y5's turn for Music this half term so Mrs Wainwright will be with us!

Reminders

PE Class 7— Thursday
PE Class 8— Tuesday
PE Class 9 - Monday

Please come into school in your PE kit on your PE days. Class teachers will be doing PE this half term once a week.

Remember currently staggered start and finish times are in effect. Drop off is 9:05am and pick up is 3:05pm

School Fund: School fund is vital to helping us provide a variety of opportunities for your children. This half term, your school fund contributions will help pay for our first aid session and a VR experience.

Reading

Reading is a priority at our school. We are supporting children to change their books at least once per week. Due to current restrictions, when a book is returned it must be quarantined for 72 hours. Books must be returned on a Tuesday each week, to allow us to quarantine them and give them back out. Please support your child by reading with them every night. While we can not accept book reviews, we are encouraging children to tell us about the books they have read via Class Dojo.



Alexandra Park Junior School



Year 5



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Homework

Homework is given out regularly in Year 5. Work is set on Class Dojo as currently we are avoiding sending home paper as much as possible.

If children can not complete work on Class Dojo, we will support them to complete it in school.

It is really important children make use of all our school subscriptions to help them with their learning. Your child has a log on for Prodigy Maths, TT Rockstars, Spelling Shed and LetterJoin. All will help them develop their skills

If you need to ask questions about homework then please send a message via ClassDojo.

Parental Expectations

During this difficult time, your child may be absent from school more than often. If your child has to self isolate, work is provided by class teachers via Class Dojo. Parents will need to ensure their child completes this home learning or they may fall behind in class. Home learning mirrors tasks completed in class. If you have any queries for class teachers, please send a message to Class Dojo and class teachers will respond within school hours.

It would also be appreciated if you would wear a mask when picking up and dropping off your child as this helps keep everyone safe.

Expectations of Children

During current restrictions, it is important children take good care of their own health and that of others. They should remain 2m apart from the adults at all times and practice social distancing where possible with each other. Children will be expected to wash their hands and sanitise regularly.

In class if a child receives multiple warning, they will receive a yellow card and lose 5 minutes of their break. If a child gets a red card, this is a phone call / message home. They will also lose their break time. Instant red cards are given for fighting, racial abuse and swearing.