



**Year 5's Termly Newsletter**

Welcome Back! We hope you've had a restful and enjoyable Summer holiday. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the members of the year five team who are new to Grove Road. Miss Marie and Miss Lowey are both really excited to be joining the fantastic Grove Road community and hope you will have plenty of opportunities to get to know them over the course of this year. Here is some information you might need for Year 5 this term. If you have any questions, please come and see us.

<p><b><u>Our main theme:</u></b> <b>Fairness and Equality.</b></p> <p>We will focus on developing the pupils understanding of the wider world using maps and exploring the human and physical geography of West Africa. There will be a historical focus on the slave trade and the impact it continues to have on today's society. We will also explore African art and fair trade. In Science, the children will be investigating properties and changes to materials, developing a deeper understanding of a wide range of scientific ideas and theories.</p> <p>In Computing, the learning is based around 'Engineering' with a focus on crumple zones.</p>	<p><b><u>English units:</u></b></p> <p>In English, we will actively read and explore free verse and rap poetry. Through practical activities and discussion, we will understand how writers use language choices to deliver messages through poems. Following this, we will be exploring discussion text, persuasive writing and stories from our literary heritage. We will be linking these texts to our theme 'Fairness and Equality'. The children will have the opportunity to explore the features of each of these text types, which will then lead on to children creating their own.</p>	<p><b><u>Maths topics:</u></b></p> <p>In Maths we are looking primarily at counting, partitioning and calculating. We will secure pupils' understanding of place value and be working on the four main mathematical operations. We will begin to look at fractions. We are looking at developing further the children's reasoning skills and applying the knowledge of the four operations to mathematical problems. In addition, this term, we are focusing on learning our times tables and related division facts. It is important they can recall these facts rapidly and understand how they can be used to support them when working with bigger numbers.</p>
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**Our PE days are:**  
Monday and Tuesday.  
The kit pupils need is:  
Shorts, T-shirt,

**Home Learning:** Will go out on Wednesdays for return the following Monday. We also ask that children read daily with an adult.

**Other ways to help at home:**  
Specifically learning their 4, 7, 8, 9, and 12 times tables.  
Telling the time  
Discussing the local and world news.

**Reminders:**  
Please ensure that your child has both a pair of smart black indoor shoes and outdoor shoes suitable for running around. A labelled water bottle and named uniform is essential. Also, please can you sign your child's reading record daily, each time they have read at home. Thank you.

**Feel Good Fridays**

As a school and within class we will be focusing on building your child's resilience in order to make them happy and productive learners. We will be promoting the importance of a growth mind set and pro social behaviours. As part of this we will use Feel Good Fridays as an opportunity to promote activities which support good mental health. We hope you have the opportunity to continue these discussions at home and that the children have lots of mental health boosting activities to share with you by the end of the year!