

Felbrigg Class Newsletter- Autumn Term

Welcome to year 5! It is lovely to be back with this class after teaching them a little while they were in year 3- how time flies!!

Just to let you know a little about the plan for this term...

Our main topic is all about America and we will be learning about its history, geography, landmarks, animals, tourism, famous people and much more. It is a fantastic topic and one that the children already seem excited about. If you have any artefacts that relate to this topic and may be of interest it would be great if you would be willing for them to be shared with the class.

In literacy we are looking at instruction writing and how to make our writing clear and easy to follow. Later in the term we will start to look at folk tales and legends and will link this to our America topic by reading some Native American stories. Reading practice is key to your child's progress in literacy and so I ask that you try and ensure your child reads at least 5 times a week and records their reading in their planner.

In maths we are learning about number and place value. We will also be looking at their core skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also be working hard on learning our times tables so each week the children will be asked to practice a specific table which will be tested each day in the maths lesson.

P.E. lessons will be on Wednesdays and Thursdays so children need to have their kits in school on these days. For those children who are going swimming during the Wednesday session, please ensure they have their full swimming kit.

Homework will be given to children every Wednesday and is due in by the following Monday. This will usually consist of a piece of literacy related work and some maths. The reading and times table practice I have already mentioned is also part of their homework. If homework is not in by Monday than your child will be expected to complete the work during their break times so it is really important that if they don't understand something they ask for help before Monday- I will always be happy to go through it with them. Please help your child keep track of their homework by checking and signing their planner at the end of each week. I will then do the same on a Monday morning.

A note from the office regarding dinner money: If your child would like a school meal, please can they bring their money in a clearly named purse or envelope. This could be done either at the beginning of the week or on the day that your child would like a lunch. If you are paying for more than one day it is helpful for you to let us know which days your child would like lunches. In order to build your child's sense of responsibility, they should place this money in the classroom basket in the morning. If you need change, this will be returned in your child's purse or envelope at the end of the day. Thank you for your cooperation.

As a final note I would appreciate it if you could send into school any old newspapers for use in our art lessons in an attempt to control any mess!

I am very much looking forward to this year and working with you and your children. If you have anything you would like to discuss with me I am happy to arrange a time convenient for us.

Miss Wilcox