Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

September/October

**Dates for your Diary**

31st January – Isle of Listen afternoon

10th February – Safer internet week

14th February – Dress as an animal for MSPCA

11 & 13th February – Parent’s Evening

**Weather and clothing**

Please continue to ensure your child always has appropriate clothing including bringing a jumper and coat every day.

**Please send your child in dress down on Wednesdays for forest school. Ensure it is appropriate and warm as we will be using the Molly Quirk facilities.**

**Reading/ Spellings/ Mental Maths**

Please continue to encourage your children to read each day. They do have access to **Read Theory** should they wish to use it but, most importantly, we want the children to have a passion for reading so anything that engages them. Spellings are set weekly on edshed, each week the children will be introduced to a new spelling rule so it is vital they practice those. Mental Maths is so important so encourage your children to be using some sort of mental Maths daily, children have their **Mathletics and TT rockstars** login for this.

**Home Learning**

Home learning will be set on our **TEAMS** page going forward. The children have been using teams in class now for some time and all understand how to use it.

There will be new home learning every Friday for children to do at their own leisure. These activities will relate to learning in class so it would be great to see children accessing these.

**Welcome Back!**

We hope you enjoyed your Christmas break. Our topics of the Spring term will be all about the **Rivers and the Aztecs.**

We are excited to learn all about the History of the Aztec people. We will also link this to SDG4, looking into their education of young people

If you have any resources you think may be of use during this topic, please send them into school with your child.

**Year 5 Team**

**Mrs Pearson** – Lepoards’ Class Teacher

**Mrs Ward** – Sea Turtles’ Class Teacher

**Mrs Sullivan** – SESO

**PE Kits**

Please ensure that your child has the appropriate PE kit in school every day. This should include both an indoor and outdoor kit, with appropriate footwear.

Swimming will continue this term so the children will also need to have the correct swimming equipment every Friday.

**Healthy Snack and Water**

Please remember that your child’s snack must be of a healthy nature (eg: piece of fruit or a cereal bar). They should also have a water bottle in school every day. No juice please!

**Eco school**

As a school, we are committed to becoming as Eco friendly as possible. To do this we ask for your assistance by sending your child in with a reusable water bottle. It would also be great to see a reduce in the amount of cling film, tin foil and carrier bags used so, if your child is on pack lunches, could you please send them in with reusable Tupperware and pack lunch boxes.