

Happy New Year! We made a great start to Year 5 last term and have got some exciting activities planned for you in the Spring term. This letter will explain some of the things we will be doing and learning about and important information you and your parents need. Parents, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Mrs Thew

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In **English** we will link our writing to our History topic – first writing a non-chronological report about dragons, then some descriptive writing. We will also be focussing on our SPAG skills each morning then using them in our writing. Other tasks this term include an explanation of a rivers' journey and more narrative writing.

Homework will be given out (via google classroom) on Monday 16th January.

It should be handed in every Monday morning.

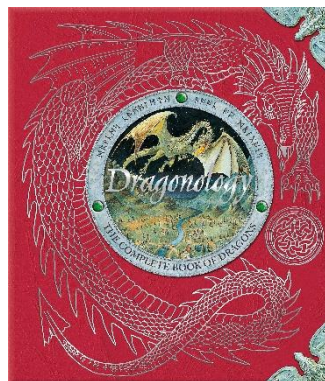
As well as the main task given each week, there is always reading plus (we aim for 3 stories a week), reading your library (or your own) book, TTRS or Mathletics. Please remember to get you diary signed before a Friday too!

Computing in the Spring term will include online modelling – very exciting! We will also continue to consider online safety. In the third week we have a very exciting Lego project as part of STEM week which will need all of our coding skills!



PE kit will be needed on Wednesdays and Fridays.

We will be working with Scott from NUF again on Wednesdays. Then our swimming lessons will begin on Fridays – don't forget your swim wear, towel and swimming hat.



In **History**, we will be learning about The Shang Dynasty of ancient China. We will be looking at artefacts and exploring what they tell us.

After half term, in **Geography**, we will be looking at rivers and coasts.

In **maths** we are beginning by developing our calculation skills – multiplying and dividing larger numbers. We'll then move on to fractions, then decimals and percentages. After half term we will move on to finding the perimeter and area of shapes before completing our statistics block of learning.

Remember to use TTRS regularly at home too – we need to win the next tournament!

Other things we are learning about;

Science – Light. Living things and their habitats.

RE – Hinduism – beliefs and linking to the life of Mahatma Gandhi.

Art – Dragons!

French – working on our conversation skills

Music – listening, using key vocabulary, rhythm and performing – New Year Carol



We have STEM week to look forward to and hopefully a visit before the end of term!