



# TRAWDEN FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Class Topic Newsletter - Year 5

*Every child matters; every moment counts!*

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to Autumn 2. It was a very busy and exciting start to the academic year and Autumn 2 promises to be just as busy.

It was a great start to the year with the children showing lots of responsibility, taking on a range of roles across our school community and it was clear that they had matured over the holidays. They worked very hard during the first half of the autumn term and it is wonderful to see them making progress within in their learning.

If you have any queries or if we can help in any way, please feel free to contact us by putting a note in your child's book bag, calling or emailing at

[ldixon@trawden.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:ldixon@trawden.lancs.sch.uk)

Thank you,

Mrs Dixon & Mrs Stansfield



### Homework

**Reading** - books brought in to school and taken home daily

**Spellings**— Given on Thursday, tested the following Wednesday

**Times Tables**—practise on Times Tables Rockstars and extra work as necessary on Thursday, tested on Wednesday

**My Maths**—set on Thursday, checked on Wednesday

Creative homework will also be set occasionally and we will inform you of this as the year progresses.

If your child completes additional homework independently or wishes to share learning they have completed at home, then please encourage your child to let us know or speak to us. We would love to celebrate your child going the extra mile in support of their learning.



### Curriculum

Our new topic is called 'Changes' which covers History, DT and Science.

We will be covering:

English –Stories with Historical Settings, Play-scripts and Poetry

Class Novel– Oliver Twist

Maths –Addition and Subtraction, Division and Multiplication, Fractions, Measures, Statistics, geometry

Computing – Coding

RE – God

French– Presenting Myself

Music– Classroom Jazz

Science– Changes in

Materials

DT– Mechanical systems

History - Ancient Baghdad Civilisation

PE - games



### Pennies For Pudsey Day

We will be collecting pennies for Pudsey in aid of Children in Need. Details to follow!



### PE

PE is on a **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child has their fully labelled PE kit in school on a Wednesday. It is advised your child brings an indoor and outdoor PE kit every week.

**Indoor PE shoes should be black PE pumps only.**

Earrings must be removed or tape must be worn to cover them for PE for health and safety reasons.



## Calling All Inventors!

This half term, we will be learning about a range of significant inventors. Could you and your child be modern day inventors?

As an additional homework challenge, can the children design and make a prototype for an invention we need to help improve our lives? It could be linked to home or school life, but should in some way improve our lives or make them easier. It would be amazing to display any designs or creations within school, alongside our own creations, during the week commencing 9th December 2019.

I know the children are full of ideas, and I'm sure there are some creative parents and carers out there too!

If you require any further help, please get in touch.

We cannot wait to see the creations!



## Class Birthdays

Benjamin 30th October

Katie 24th November

Harley 25th December

Alex 26th December

Helena 29th December



## Reading

Children can complete Accelerated Reading Quizzes on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** during a timetabled slot, plus any additional time during the week if they let either Mrs Dixon or Mrs Stansfield know.

They will have an **Accelerated Reading book** as well as a **school library book**. These books should be brought into school **every day**. We will visit the school library every few weeks so the children can change their book.



**Monday 4th November—**

PTFA toast morning

**Friday 8th November –**

PTFA Remembrance Coffee Morning

**Tuesday 26th November—**

Fun with maths parents course

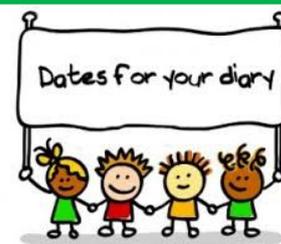
**Monday 2nd December —**PTFA toast morning

**Thursday 5th December—**PTFA pop up Christmas shop

**Friday 13th December—**Santa Singalong

**Wednesday 19th December—** Christmas Dinner

**Tuesday 17th December—** School Carol Service 6.30-7.30pm



## Bucket List

Year 5 made a start on their bucket list last half term by setting and striving for their goals!

This half term we will continue ticking things off by taking part in a team building car challenge..

If you have any mechanical or construction sets, such as Lego or Meccano, that you would be happy for us to use as we practise our skills, then please let us know.



## Snacks

A reminder that snacks brought for playtimes should be **healthy** to help us to maintain our Healthy School Status. For example: a piece of fruit, some vegetable sticks or a plain cereal bar.



Children should also only have **plain water** in their water bottles in class.