

19th January 2018.

Year 5 Spring Newsletter 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely break! Below is an update about some of the work we are doing this term and events that have been organised:

Maths

Year 5 will now be mixing for Maths. This means that you child will either be taught by Miss Bate or Miss Wilson. On Wed-Fri, Mrs Carmen will also be taking a maths group. Please encourage your child to use their maths skills outside of school as much as possible, for example get them to help with counting money and calculating change when shopping or measuring ingredients when cooking. Please also help your child learn all of their times tables – by the end of Year 5 we expect children to know all of them from x2 to x12. Times tables are a crucial foundation to your child's understanding in Maths in Year 5. Your child should bring home weekly times table or division results and Big Maths times table results. Please look at these with your child and help them to practise the ones they are unsure of. As last term, maths homework will be given out on a Friday to be completed by the following Tuesday. Please support your child with making sure it's done.

English

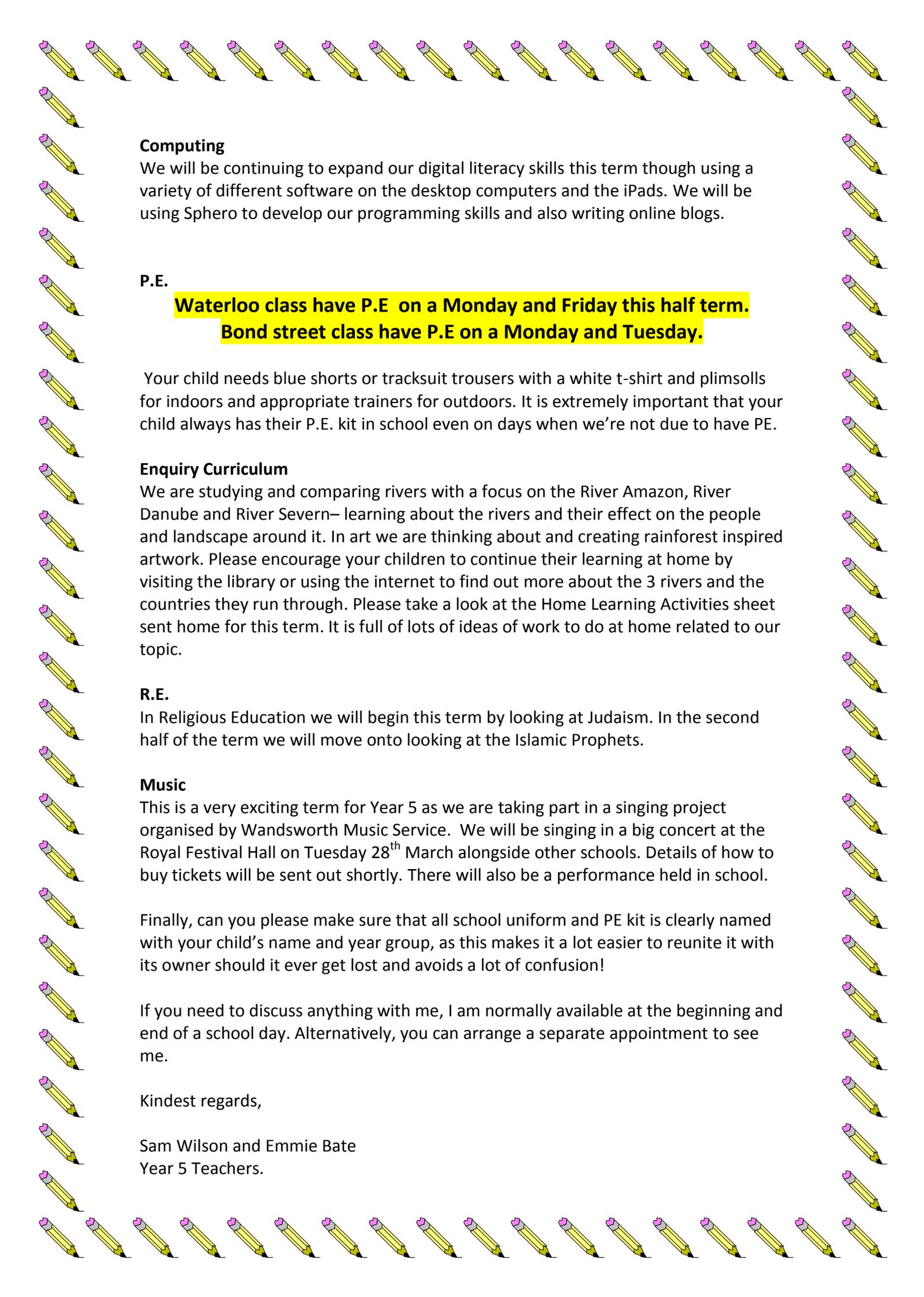
We are currently working on a unit of work based around the novel 'Oranges In No-Man's Land' by Elizabeth Laird. Later in the term we will be reading the poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes and learning about writing persuasive letters. Weekly spelling lists will continue to be given out on a Monday morning and your child will be tested on these spellings on a Friday.

Reading

Your child should have a reading record book in their folder. This is for them to record any reading they do at home (either on their own or with someone), to write down any reading homework set within guided reading sessions and for you to write a comment about your child's reading. Please read with your child at home and discuss and ask questions about what you are reading with them. Check that they understand what they have read and help them to use the internet or a dictionary to look up any unfamiliar words.

Science

Our science topic for the first half term is forces – such as gravity, friction and air resistance. Please encourage discussion at home about how forces such as these are all around us in everyday life. Our next science topic, after half term, will be living things and their habitats (life cycles and reproduction of animals and plants).



Computing

We will be continuing to expand our digital literacy skills this term though using a variety of different software on the desktop computers and the iPads. We will be using Sphero to develop our programming skills and also writing online blogs.

P.E.

Waterloo class have P.E on a Monday and Friday this half term.
Bond street class have P.E on a Monday and Tuesday.

Your child needs blue shorts or tracksuit trousers with a white t-shirt and plimsolls for indoors and appropriate trainers for outdoors. It is extremely important that your child always has their P.E. kit in school even on days when we're not due to have PE.

Enquiry Curriculum

We are studying and comparing rivers with a focus on the River Amazon, River Danube and River Severn– learning about the rivers and their effect on the people and landscape around it. In art we are thinking about and creating rainforest inspired artwork. Please encourage your children to continue their learning at home by visiting the library or using the internet to find out more about the 3 rivers and the countries they run through. Please take a look at the Home Learning Activities sheet sent home for this term. It is full of lots of ideas of work to do at home related to our topic.

R.E.

In Religious Education we will begin this term by looking at Judaism. In the second half of the term we will move onto looking at the Islamic Prophets.

Music

This is a very exciting term for Year 5 as we are taking part in a singing project organised by Wandsworth Music Service. We will be singing in a big concert at the Royal Festival Hall on Tuesday 28th March alongside other schools. Details of how to buy tickets will be sent out shortly. There will also be a performance held in school.

Finally, can you please make sure that all school uniform and PE kit is clearly named with your child's name and year group, as this makes it a lot easier to reunite it with its owner should it ever get lost and avoids a lot of confusion!

If you need to discuss anything with me, I am normally available at the beginning and end of a school day. Alternatively, you can arrange a separate appointment to see me.

Kindest regards,

Sam Wilson and Emmie Bate
Year 5 Teachers.