GEMS JUMEIRAH PRIMARY SCHOOL







Issue 7: 13th November 2014

Dear Parents and Year 5 children,

Hello! I hope you have had an enjoyable week. The children are all working extremely hard across the year group and I am so pleased with the attitude and work ethic evident in the classrooms. The children are a credit to you.

Homework is an important aspect of the school week and I would encourage parents to allow children to complete their work independently but to always be there to lend support and check their work (I have noticed some sentence work in my year group could be better O).

Thank you

P.E. KITS

As always, please ensure your child always has a PE kit and swimming kit at school (even when they are not timetabled for P.E.).

IMPORTANT DATES/EVENTS

Term 2 Camp

Parents are invited to an information evening about the camp in Term 2. **Absolute Adventure** Main hall, Monday 17th November from 6.30pm – 7.30pm

Class Assemblies

Shelina Meghji	5G	(Monday 24 th November)
Leia Bremmer	5E	(Monday 8 th December)

<u>Horrible Histories Trip</u>: All money should have been returned to teachers by now. The trip will be held on Tuesday 18th November.

ASAs – are continuing.



ENGLISH OBJECTIVES for Week Beginning November 16th (Weeks 12 and 13)

EXPLANATION

FOCUS: Write an **explanation** text (building/cooking/constructing - possible Mars focus)

GVP FOCUS: Use expanded noun phrases to convey complicated information concisely

MATHS OBJECTIVES: TERM 1:2

Measurement (now completed)

- measure and calculate the perimeter of composite rectilinear shapes in centimetres and metres
- calculate and compare the area of rectangles (including squares), and including using standard units, square centimetres (cm2) and square metres (m2) and estimate the area of irregular shapes

Geometry (beginning next week)

- identify 3-D shapes, including cubes and other cuboids, from 2-D representations
- distinguish between regular and irregular polygons based on reasoning about equal sides

and angles.

 identify, describe and represent the position of a shape following a reflection or translation, using the appropriate language, and know that the shape has not changed.

SOME WEBSITES FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN TO LOOK AT:

- http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/index.html
- http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/science/materials/
- http://www.mymaths.co.uk/

RECOMMENDED READING BOOKS YEAR 5 AND 6 VEAD 5

Water Wings	Morris Gleitzman
Blabbermouth	Morris Gleitzman
Belly Flop	Morris Gleitzman
The Diddakoi	Rumer Godden
Stormbreaker	Anthony Horowitz
Walter and Me	Michael Morpurgo
Friend or Foe	Michael Morpurgo
Mister Monday	Garth Nix
Aquila	Andrew Norris
Harry and the Wrinklies	Alan Temperley
The Story of Tracy Beaker	Jacqueline Wilson
Double Act	Jacqueline Wilson
Northern Lights	Philip Pullman
A Christmas Carol	Charles Dickens
Dragon Rider	Cornelia Funke
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Journey To Jo'burg	Beverly Naidoo
Journey to the River Sea	Eva Ibbotson
The Owl Service	Alan Garner
Pig Heart Boy	Malorie Blackman
Tom's Midnight Garden	Philippa Pearce
Watership Down	Richard Adams
The Wizard of Earthsea	Ursula K Le Guin
Wolves of Willoughby Chase	Joan Aiken
Where the Red Fern Grows	Wilson Rawls
Little Women	Louisa May Alcott
The Secret Garden	Frances Hodgson-Burnett
Artemis Fowl	Eoin Colfer
The Wind in the Willows	Kenneth Grahame
Anne of Green Gables	L M Montgomery
Black Beauty	Anna Sewell
Holes	Louis Sachar
There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom	Louis Sachar
Vicky Angel	Jacqueline Wilson
The Other Side of Truth	Beverley Naidoo
Harry Potter series	J K Rowling

YEAR 6

Carrie's War	Nina Bawden
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr
Forgotten Voices of the Second World War	Max Arthur
The Diamond of Drury Lane	Julia Golding
Framed	Frank Cottrell Boyce
Homecoming	Cynthia Voigt
Noughts and Crosses	Malorie Blackman
Knife Edge	Malorie Blackman
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole Aged 13 3/4	Sue Townsend
Treasure Island	Robert Louis Stevenson
Mortal Engines	Philip Reeve
Clockwork	Philip Pullman
Dragon Keeper	Carole Wilkinson
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time	Mark Haddon
Peter Pan	J M Barrie
Wizard of Oz	F Baum
Robinson Crusoe	Daniel Defoe
Oliver Twist	Charles Dickens
Jungle Book	Rudyard Kipling
The Railway Children	E Nesbit
The Borrowers	M Norton
The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Mark Twain
Alex Rider series	Anthony Horowitz
My Story series	Various authors
Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl	Ed. Otto H Frank
Boy Overboard	Morris Gleitzman
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Laptops and Devices: BYOD

Thank you to all those parents who have provided their children with devices to assist in their learning. The children are using a range of devices which are all suitable but the laptops are probably the best as they allow the children to use a variety of presentation programs.

Responding to parent emails

When contacting your child's class teacher please expect a response within 24 working hours. If your child has an emergency appointment during the school day or a change of pick up arrangements please inform **info_jps** rather than the class teacher. The admin staff will then inform the class teacher as to the relevant changes.

As you will appreciate a teachers day is a very busy one, teaching, marking and preparing for lessons, so any contact with parents is likely to be either before or after the school day. The children are our priority!

If you wish to contact your class teacher for a particular reason please ensure this is done so within the working week. Any emails received after 2:30pm on a Thursday afternoon or over the weekend will be responded to by the close of day on Sunday.

EARLY PICK OF CHILDREN

I wanted to pass this information on to you regarding a new policy in JPS for 'Early Pick Up'. Due to an increase to the number of children leaving school before the end of the school day, our Senior Leadership Team are will now be the only members of staff within JPS who can authorise permission to leave school early. This policy took effect on 25th September 2014 as highlighted in the school newsletter. Therefore, I or any teacher in Year 5, is unable to grant permission for your request. The procedure at JPS requires parents/careers to complete a 'Leave within the school day' requests form (attached). This is also found on the home page of www.jumeirahprimary.weebly.com .

This form needs to be completed and signed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team at least **24 hours ahead** of the early collection. The form must be accompanied by the appointment notification with the specialist. Doctors and Dentists who operate outside of school hours do not qualify as a reason to leave school. An emergency by its very nature will be the only exception to this rule.

Please note that children will not be sent down to reception until parents have arrived; this is in order to avoid situations which have recently occurred in which children have become upset whilst waiting for a parent at reception. This might mean you will need to plan an extra few minutes into your schedule on these occasions.

If you have any further queries please email our Assistant Head, Rachel Higgins rachel.h_jps@gemsedu.com

Many thanks

Pete Campion and the Year 5 Team

