

Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter

We hope that you all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling ready for the return to school for this academic year. The children already made a great start to the term this week and are showing lots of enthusiasm in their learning!



Don't forget to keep an eye out for our weekly Dojo posts which explain what we are learning so you can speak to your child about their lessons. If you need further details or information about anything in this leaflet, then please contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION

LITERACY

In the first half of this term, our Literacy will focus upon the world of Pandora. We will be writing a setting description based on this magical land, as well as writing a diary entry too.

In the second half term our Literacy learning will be based on the book of 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. Our literacy lessons will involve: narrative retelling, persuasive writing and character description. These lessons will also give children the opportunity to explore a variety of punctuation to use in their writing and learn about how authors construct cohesion across different paragraphs. There will also be a special VR headset workshop for the children, all to do with Biomes, which links to their Geography topic as well as the book 'Holes'. As well as having class-based Literacy lessons, the children will also take part in regular guided reading, spelling, grammar and handwriting sessions.

Please remember that children should be reading at least 4 times a week at home. This is very important as it helps improve children's accuracy when reading. They can read a range of books, magazines or comics to help them develop a love for reading!

NUMERACY

Year 5 -

Children will be focusing upon place value at the start of the year in order to provide them with a strong understanding of how numbers work, which they will rely upon for the rest of the year. They will be learning to compare, order, round, add and subtract decimals and whole numbers.

Year 6 -

At the beginning of the year, Year 6 pupils are learning to compare, order and round numbers up to 10 million. Afterwards, children will be working with negative numbers, calculating and problem solving with negative numbers in a variety of different contexts. Pupils will then begin to learn about the four mathematical operations of: multiplication, division, addition and subtraction.

A vital part of maths is to know times tables and the matching division facts. The children are set Multiflyers targets based on these expectations and should be practising them regularly as part of their homework. Any help you are able to give with this would be much appreciated. Magazines or comics to help them develop a love for reading.



Year 5 Teachers

Mr Thompson

Mrs Dixon

Year 6 Teachers

Mr Barton

Miss Wickham

Teaching Assistants

Miss Bragg

Mrs Begum

Mrs Finlavson

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 2nd October -
Dragons Harvest Assembly
9.00 - 9.30

Thursday 10th October -
Maths Evening

Wednesday 16th & Thursday
17th October - Parents
Evening g 4.00 - 5.00pm

Wednesday 23rd October -
Phoenix Class Assembly 9.00
- 9.30

Thursday 24th October -
Halloween Disco 4:30 - 5:00

Wednesday 13th November -
Griffins Class Assembly 9.00 -
9.30

Wednesday 20th November -
Unicorns Class Assembly 9.00
- 9.30

Thursday 12th December
Nativity 2.00 - 3.00

Tuesday 17th December
Christmas Concert 16.00 -
17.00

Wednesday 18th December -
Christmas Jumper Day & Last
day of Autumn Term

Curriculum Information Continued...

Science

Year 5 – In Autumn 1, Year 5 are learning about space and the solar system. They will be learning about the names and order of the planets in our Solar System, and develop an understanding of how Earth and other planets move in the Solar System.

Year 6 - To start the year, Year 6 are learning about Evolution and Inheritance. Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace are two of the individuals which the class will learn about, as well as how humans and fossils have evolved over time.

History/Geography

To start the year we are learning about the Xang Dynasty in History, understanding how the Dynasty rose to power and how it ended. In the second half of the term, our topic will have a geography focus and we will learn about biomes.

Art/DT

Linked to our History topic about the Xang Dynasty, the children will be exploring and designing Chinese-inspired ink painting. Later on in the half term, the children will be creating their own electric vehicles.

RE

In RE lessons, Year 5 and 6 will be learning about how to express beliefs through the Arts, such as dance, drama and music.

Music

In music lessons, Year 5 will be focusing upon the song 'Jerusalem' looking at changes through time. Meanwhile, Year 6 will learn to explore rhythm and melody through movement and dance.

Computing

Year 5 and 6 will be learning about how to stay safe online, through our E-Safety learning unit. Year 5 will learn about blogging, whilst Year 6 will be learning about formatting and presenting.

Spanish

Pets and questions related to pets will be the first topic of the year in Spanish for Year 5. Year 6, will be learning about verbs, grammar and masculine and feminine words.

PSHE

Children will be exploring the theme of relationships and keeping safe, linked to our Shang Dynasty learning. Pupils will develop their understanding of citizenship through this

Reminders

Year 4 Multiplication Check

This will take place in June. Please encourage your child to practise regularly at home. www.timestables.co.uk is a great website as well as www.ttrockstars.com

Water Bottles

Every child needs to have a water bottle, filled with water only, in school so that they don't become dehydrated during the school day. Please make sure that the bottle is named.

Snack

Children are welcome to bring in a fruit or vegetable snack to enjoy at break time.

PE Kit

All pupils in Year 5/6 need to bring their P.E. kits (black shorts, red t-shirt and plimsolls or trainers) every Monday. Kits can be taken home on Friday for washing.

HOMEWORK

Every week, the children should complete the following homework:

- Times table or division facts practice.
- Spelling practice - 5 minutes each day (Spellings will be tested on Friday and new words set on the same day)
- Reading - At least 4 times a week to support with Accelerated Reader. There will be a prize for the children who meet their target at the end of each half term that the children will choose.
- One piece of Maths (My Maths) and/or TTRockstars to be completed each week (This will be set on a Friday and is due back on the following Wednesday)