



Upper Key Stage 2 Newsletter



We hope that you all had a wonderful Spring break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the start of the final term of the year!

Remember to check our weekly ClassDojo posts for updates on what we're covering in class - this way, you can discuss your child's lessons with them. If you would like more information or have any questions about this newsletter, feel free to contact your child's teacher. They'll be glad to help!



CURRICULUM INFORMATION

LITERACY

During the first part of the term, the children will be using the short animated film 'The Piano' as the basis for their writing. Students will be planning and writing: monologues, persuasive speeches and narrative flashbacks.

As the term progresses, our focus will change to the book 'Rose Blanche' by Christophe Gallaz and Roberto Innocenti. Children will begin by writing diary entries from Rose's perspective. They will then move on to detailed character descriptions, focusing on how to describe personality, appearance and feelings using rich vocabulary. Pupils will learn how to write explanation texts, including how to explain processes such as how bomb shelters were built.

Later in the term, children will write a recount based on their visit to Bletchley Park, focusing on writing in chronological order and using appropriate language.

Please remember that children should be reading at least four times a week at home. Regular reading has a significant impact on your child's literacy, exposing them to vocabulary and increasing their understanding of literacy work.

NUMERACY

Year 5 -
This term, the children will explore decimals, making connections between these and real life contexts. Children will then begin our shape topic, learning about different angles featured within shapes. Finally, towards the end of the year our focus will shift towards converting measurements and position and direction.

Year 6 -
This term, Year 6 will be focusing upon preparation for SATs. Each week will have a different Maths focus with the idea of supporting your child and preparing your child as much as possible. Each week will have targeted provision designed to help your child with their upcoming SATs exams. Additionally, intervention groups will continue to be run as well to ensure that children have a good, fluent understanding of mathematical operations.

MyMaths homework is set for children to complete at home as an additional resource or support for the work they do in class. Please try and complete these tasks set as it makes a big difference.

Year 5 Teachers

Ms Sharpe

Mrs Dixon

Year 6 Teachers

Mr Barton

Mr Thompson

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Finlayson

Miss BejinesBaquero

Mrs Green

Miss Deering

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday 20th April - Year 5 & 6 World War II Workshop

Monday 27th April till

Friday 30th April - Final Mock SATs Week

Monday 11th May till Friday 15th May - SATs Week

Monday 18th May till Thursday 21st May - STEAM Week

Thursday 4th June - Year 5 Sports Event at Newton Leys

Monday 22nd June - Year 5 & 6 Bletchley Park Trip

Monday 29th June till Friday 2nd July - Secondary School Transition Week

Wednesday 8th July - Year 6 Production

Friday 10th July - Year 6 Reward Trip

Monday 13th July - Year 6 MK Dons Stadium Meal

Tuesday 14th July - DraytonFest

Thursday 16th July - Year 6 Meal & Disco

Friday 17th July - Year 6 Graduation

Curriculum Information Continued . . .

Science

Year 5 – In the first part of the term, Year 5 will be continuing their materials and properties unit of learning. They will be investigating reversible and irreversible changes as well as learning about famous scientists and their discoveries.

Year 6 - Year 6 will be learning about 'Living Things and their Habitats'. Children will be focusing upon classification systems and the work of Carl Linnaeus. Additionally, they will learn classify micro-organisms.

History/Geography

To start the final term of the year, we are learning about the history of World War II in Europe, children will learn about the causes of World War II and what life was like in Britain during the War. In the second half of the term, pupils will learn about Bletchley Park.

Art/DT

In Design and Technology after half term, children will be designing their own and learning about food rationing, linking to the overall topic of World War II. Art will focus upon sculptures reflecting the War.

RE

The RE topic for this half term is: War and Peace. Children will learn about: how religions promote peace, religions and war and different symbols of peace. Moral Dilemmas will be the second RE topic of the summer term.

STEAM

It'll be another exciting STEAM week at Drayton Park this year packed full of exciting opportunities! Year 6 will be working with local Formula One Team: Red Bull, learning about non-destructive testing, whilst Year 5 will learn about meteors and even hold some space rocks!

Computing

Year 5 will be learning about networks and the internet. Meanwhile, Year 6 will be film-making this term focusing film processing: filming content, editing and publishing.

PSHE

Children will be exploring the theme of equality and diversity in relationships. Within lessons they will be learning about similarities and differences between family units and how differences arise from a number of factors.

Reminders

Water Bottles

As the weather gets warmer, its important that every child needs to has a water bottle. Your child's water bottle should be filled with water only. 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 come into school in their PE kits on their designated PE day.

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 during the week and new words set on Friday)
- Reading - At least 4 times a week recorded in their reading records. Children who read every week and have it recorded in their reading records will have the opportunity to go to the Jungle Park at the end of the term as a reward.
- 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)