



Year 5 and 6 News

Spring Term

January 2024

Welcome back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to start by welcoming you back from the Christmas holidays. We hope you had a wonderful time. We have a very interesting and enriching term ahead and hope that this newsletter will inform you of the learning that will take place in year 5 and year 6 and the dates of special events to be held.

Our team consists of:

Class 5

Miss Howells - Class 5 Teacher, Mrs. Davies - Class 5 Teaching Assistant

Class 6

Miss Whiting - Class 6 Teacher, Mrs. Dyer - Class 6 Teaching Assistant

If you have any concerns or issues, please do not hesitate to contact the school office to organise a time to come in to school.

Many Thanks,

Miss Howells and Miss Whiting

What we will be learning in year 5 and 6:

Class 5

Religion - Our RE topics this term are "Inspirational People" and "Reconciliation". We will also be taking part in class mass, gospel assemblies and singing on Mondays.

Literacy - We will begin by completing a non-fiction unit on the ancient Maya. This will be followed by a unit of persuasive writing linked to Fairtrade and then poetry, particularly 'Little Freak'. Next half term, we will be studying 'Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief' by Rick Riordan and 'Romeo and Juliet'.

Maths - In Maths we will be covering Area, Perimeter & Shape, Multiplication & Division and Fractions.

Science - In Science, we will be exploring 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Forces'.

History - Our History Topic this term is "The Ancient Maya". We will be attempting to answer the enquiry question "Who were the ancient Mayans?"

Geography - We will be looking at Settlement and Migration and trying to answer the questions: Do settlements have a pattern? Why do people migrate? What happens to refugees?

Class 6

Religion - Our RE topics this term are "Exploring the Mass" and "Jesus the Messiah". We will also be taking part in class mass, gospel assemblies and singing on Mondays.

Literacy - We will be reading the book 'The Man Who Walked Between the Towers' this term before moving on to read 'Once' as our new class novel. The children will be revising the Key Stage 2 grammar curriculum and writing letters, diary entries and stories in the style of the authors they have studied.

Maths - In Maths we will be covering fractions and revisiting the four operations. We will also be looking at shape, measure and data handling.

Science - In Science we will be learning about Living Things and Their Habitats and Electricity.

History - Our History Topic this term is a local history study. The children will be learning about the impact of war on the local area.

Geography - We will be learning about South America.

Last Term



Reminders:

P.E. kits, consisting of a yellow t-shirt, blue shorts and suitable trainers/pumps, should be brought in to school as soon as possible and kept in lockers.

Children should come to school in uniform everyday. This includes black school shoes and a warm coat in winter. Parents are also reminded that children should not be wearing necklaces or bracelets. Earrings are allowed, but please ensure these are stud earrings only. Parents should also be aware that unnatural hair colours/extensions should not be worn.

Swimming

Swimming kits are needed on Mondays (please ensure any earrings are removed prior to the school day.)

Homework

Children are required to read at home every night.

We check to see whether the children are in the Green Zone for Doodle English on Wednesdays and Doodle Maths on Fridays. If they have completed this homework, they will earn extra play which will take place on Fridays.

Dates for your diary:

January

8th - Return from Christmas holidays (8:55am)

12th - Year 6 Knife Crime Awareness Workshop

February

7th - Athlete Visit

9th - School ends at 3:00pm for Half-Term Holiday

19th - Return from Half-Term Holiday

21st - Year 6 Hate Crime Workshop

March

27th - Race into Space Maths Themed Day

28th - School ends at 3:00pm for Easter Holiday

April

15th - Return from Easter Holidays (8:55am)



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