



YEAR 5 AND 6 NEWSLETTER

Autumn, September 2023

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break. It was lovely seeing lots of you at the welcome meetings this week. This newsletter will summarise the content discussed at the meeting.

Curriculum and 'Knowledge Organisers'

We want our pupils to be able to apply their knowledge and make links to other areas of the curriculum, to help them consolidate their understanding. To help us meet this challenge, 'Knowledge Organisers' will be sent home which outline the essential knowledge that teachers will be covering in topic and science units. These will include: key dates, vocabulary, technical information, significant people etc. These knowledge organisers are shared with pupils and parents, with the aim that everyone knows what is being taught and what the children need to learn. Please support your child in helping them learn the knowledge set out in the organiser and use as a reference for your discussions at home about their learning.

HOMEWORK

Each week we rely on your support in helping your child with their reading, spelling and times table recall.

Reading - Read every day and record in reading diary. Diaries will be checked every week.

Spellings - Encourage your child to put their spelling into context and write correctly punctuated sentences. These can be recorded in their homework books. Test and new spellings - Fridays!

Times Tables - Children are expected to know all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of Year 4!!! Use the Tackling Tables at home to keep practising.

Maths and English Homework - These need to be completed each week in the book. They will be handed out on a Monday or Tuesday and expected back in school and completed the following Monday.

Optional Topic Homework - Optional fun activities, linked to our other lessons and topic work, can be completed as well.

SWIMMING

Swimming continues on **Thursday 21st Sept.** for Year 5 children who are not yet confident swimming 25 meters.

PE Days

Y5 Otter- Mon/Wed

Y5 Barn Owls-
Tues/Wed

Y6 Seal - Wed / Fri

Y6 Heron - Tues /
Wed

Parent Volunteers!

Please let us know if you can help with school trips and library visits

Outdoor Shoes and Coats!

Please provide a pair of old trainers that children can keep in their lockers as spares, especially as the weather is now becoming more changeable, please ensure a waterproof coat is in school every day



You will find our curriculum overview for the year on the school website!

Year 5 - Curriculum this term

This term we will be learning about the **Ancient Greeks**. We will be immersing the children in learning about the life, culture and religion of one of the most exciting ancient civilizations. Our Art and DT will be linked to this topic - making Greek structures and Greek Olympic Statues. Our English will also be partly linked around this unit of work where we will be 'Writing To Entertain' to learn stories and setting and character descriptions. We hope to visit the Fitzwilliam museum to enhance our topic work. In geography we shall learn about Mountains.

In maths the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction methods, fractions and multiplication and division. problem solving.

Our science unit will be Earth and Space.

Year 6 - Curriculum this term

Our first topic of the year will be about **World War Two**. We will learn about how the war started, the effects it had on the lives of others and how people lived in the war. An important aspect will be on the impact on Britain. We shall learn to sew, make WWII sculptures and make gingerbread houses! Within English we will be 'Writing To Describe and Entertain', using the moving stories of *Goodnight Mister Tom* and *Rose Blanche*.

In maths the children will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction methods, multiplication and division and fractions.

Our first science unit is Light, followed by Electricity.

Contact details

Any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher. The best way to contact us is via an email - we will do our best to reply as promptly as we can, however this will not be during the teaching day. Longer discussions can be arranged by appointment at the office.

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Dates for the Diary!

Wednesday 20th September - Year 6 Parent Meeting about Kingswood Residential 3:30pm.
Monday 25th September - Year 6 Height and Weight Check
Friday 29th September - School Photos
Tuesday 17th October - KS2 Writing Café for Parents 3:30pm.
Thursday 19th October - Year 5 Greek Day. Parents welcome to join from 2:30pm
Monday 30th October - Friday 3rd November - Year 6 Residential to Kingswood.
Friday 10th November - Year 6 WWII Day. Parents welcome to join from 2:30pm
Wednesday 29th November - Year 6 trip to Duxford.
DATE TBC - Year 5 Trip

CLUBS!

There will be lots going on this year for the children to get involved in. We will let your child know about clubs they can join and put information on the school website, as soon as they are finalised!