

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

Class 7



Miss Gellman



Mrs Horsley



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Mrs Tillotson



Mr Kershaw



Mr Adamson

Class 8

Class 9

English

During this term, both Years 5 and 6 will be developing their skills in both journalistic and narrative writing! We will be reading the tales of the world famous detective—Sherlock Holmes. His heroism and deductive nous will inspire every aspect of our English topics this half term. From writing newspaper reports to developing our very own mystery and suspense stories!

Maths

We will begin the new school year by developing and strengthening our knowledge of place value. We have lots of fantastic new resources to facilitate this and we are looking forward to using these with all of the pupils. We will then be applying this knowledge to solve addition and subtraction problems—focussing on both arithmetic and reasoning.

Forest Schools

Through the pedagogical approaches championed in Forest Schools we will be using the outdoor areas as much as possible to support our learning. Our Victorian topic will inspire our first activities such as creating our very own chimney sweeps and other artefacts from this period. We will inform parents about forest school days in advance.

Topic: The Victorians

This term Years 5 and 6 will be exploring the Victorians. We will be studying the impact they had on modern day Britain through their numerous inventions. Furthermore, we will study the legacy they had on both the geography and history of this country and the world!

Science/ DT/ Computing

We have some fantastic lessons planned for science this half-term and we can't wait to carry out some of our investigations—whether it is exploring evolution in humans or adaptation in the Galapagos islands.

In DT we will be studying some Victorian architecture and investigating the materials they used to build them.

It's all about e-safety in computing and ensuring that our children stay safe online!

Homework.

Maths, spelling and reading homework will go out every **Wednesday** and will need to be returned on the following **Monday**.

Please try to work with your child to facilitate their learning at home.

P.E.

We love PE in Year 5/6 and we have lots of exciting, energetic and, most importantly, fun activities planned for the year ahead! Therefore, it is really important that we are kitted out correctly. We suggest bringing PE kit into school on a Monday and taking it home to be washed on a Friday to avoid children without kit.

Dates for your Diary

17/09/18—Book Fair all week

12/10/18—UKS2 Phase Event @ 09.00—10.30

23/10/2018—Alan Gibbons: (author) Meet and Greet

26/10/18—Break up for half-term (return 05.11.18)