



Year 5/6 Newsletter

Spring Term



The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

Class 8



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English

During this term, both Years 5 and 6 will be developing their knowledge about Space. The children will explore further into the Moon Landing which will include key individuals such as Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins. From this, they will produce a formal letter and a science-fiction narrative. In reading, we will also be using a range of texts to further develop students' skills in retrieval, summarising and inference.

Maths

We will be further developing and strengthening our knowledge of the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages. Fluency 15 will continue to run in each session with students practising times tables and basic mental maths. All students will continue to use Mathletics and TT Rockstars. Remember to try and access TT Rockstars at home!

Forest School

This term, Forest School will be based on the theme of birds. Students will complete a project over the course of the term, producing a bird box as their final outcome. This project will include a trip to Golden Acre Park to enjoy some bird watching, further develop skills in tool work and use the technique of prototyping to bring their ideas to life.

Topic: Space and Light

This term Years 5 and 6 will be exploring the science topics of space and light. USK2 will develop their knowledge of the eight planets and their place within the solar system. Also, children will learn the phases of the moon. Furthermore, the light topic will enable students to discover more about light, including that light travels in straight lines. They will further their ability to work scientifically and complete different experiments to prove hypotheses.

French/Computing/RE

In French, the children will create their own city map, labelling it with key French vocabulary. They will use French verbs to write a range of sentences to describe their metropolis.

In Computing, UKS2 will be collecting, analysing and presenting data using a range of programmes. Also, the children will use multimedia to further develop their text and graphic design skills.

In RE, our topic is Christianity and the children will be learning why Jesus' death and resurrection is important to Christians. They will use the Bible, Christianity's key text, to learn the story and understand its significance to the Christian faith.

Homework

All pupils should be reading three times a week at home with an adult.

Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed regularly at home.

There is also an optional homework which can be viewed on the website.

PE

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. Pupils should attend school wearing their PE kits on the designated days—these are a Week 1 (Thursday) and a Week 2 (Monday). Please visit the school website to see the PE uniform requirements.

Dates for your Diary

19/01/2022—Axel Scheffler Illustration Workshop

31/01/2022—Year 6 Weardale Residential deposit deadline

07-08/03/2022—Year 6 Leeds United Foundation Workshop

Proposed dates for Golden Acre Park trip (these may change):

Class 10 — 10/01/2022

Class 9 — 24/01/2022

Class 8 — 07/02/2022