



Y5/6 Newsletter

We were delighted to welcome the children back to school and we are looking forward to watching them grow and develop over the coming year! Here is what will be keeping us busy over the next half term. If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Who's who?

Mrs Smith is teaching in Year 6, with Mrs Snowdon supporting in class as their teaching assistant. Mrs Weldon teaches Year 6 every Monday. Mrs Hind, alongside Mrs Romain is teaching Year 5, with Mrs McLoughlin supporting in class as their teaching assistant.

P.E.

As we did last year, we will be asking that children come to school in their PE kits on days where they are scheduled to have PE. Please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit and footwear on these days. Children without PE kit or who are not wearing the appropriate kit will be asked to wear spare kit provided by school if necessary.

P.E. Days

Year 6 : Tuesday and Friday

Year 5: Tuesday and Friday

Marvellous Me

Please make sure that you are all able to access the messages that we send through Marvellous Me. We communicate regularly using this so it is vital that you

Homework

Each **Friday**, children will be given homework which will include spellings, maths and SPAG or comprehension. Homework will be provided on paper and will need to be returned the following **Friday** to be marked. Failure to complete homework will result in children missing playtime to complete it in school.

We also expect that children spend **10-15 minutes per night reading** and for this to be marked in their planners. This is absolutely vital and will support your child



Our learning: Autumn 1

English— We have begun this year with a Sentence Stacking unit based on a fictional story called: Where ocean meets sky. During this unit, we will be practising using various grammar and punctuation skills whilst writing a science fiction fantasy story. We will then be turning our attention to 'Biographies', with a focus on Anne Frank—Linking this to our History unit of work—WW2.

Maths — Year 6: Place value is our first unit. We will be working with numbers up to 10,000,000, including on a number line, comparing and ordering, rounding and roman numerals. Towards the end of half term, our focus will be the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Year 5 : We will also be starting with place value, working with numbers up to a million. We will be looking at the size of the different digits and where the numbers fit on the number line. We will also find out how to partition, compare and order numbers. After that, we will be focusing on the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

Science — Year 6: We will be starting off with the topic of 'Living things and their Habitats'. Looking specifically at: classifying plants & animals, different microorganisms and Carl Linnaeus.

Year 5: Our first Science topic is about forces. The forces we will be investigating are: friction, air resistance, water resistance and gravity.

Other Subjects —

In **RE**, we will be exploring Christianity. Year 5's will be answering the question: What does it mean if Christians believe God is Holy and loving? Year 6's will be answering the question: What would Jesus do?

In **PSHCE**, our area of learning is beginning with 'Respect' and what this looks like within school and the community and qualities of a leader. Following this, our learning is based on the topic 'Families and Friendships'. As well as this, each class will have their own 'Thrive' session with their class teacher.

In **History** we are exploring World War 2. Looking further into significant leaders and significant events, propaganda, rationing and evacuees.

In **DT**- We are learning about WW2 shelters which will lead to designing, creating and evaluating our own Anderson Shelters.

In **Spanish** we will be looking at the pronunciation of key words, the date and my home.