

Year 5 and 6 Newsletter



AUTUMN 2023



BACK TO SCHOOL

**DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,
WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR AND WE HOPE YOU
HAVE HAD AN ENJOYABLE AND RESTFUL SUMMER WITH
YOUR FAMILIES. WE ARE NOW READY AND REFRESHED
FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR AHEAD; THERE WILL BE
LOTS OF HARD WORK BUT ALSO LOTS OF FUN!**

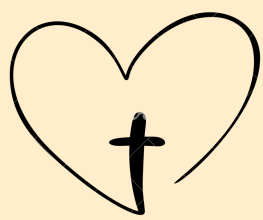
Staffing

All teachers in UKS2 will be working very closely together, to ensure that the children receive a balanced and broad curriculum across the topics in these year groups. All children will be given the same opportunities to learn and develop new skills.

- Mrs Moynihan will be teaching in Year 6
- Year 5/6 will be taught by Miss Burns
- Mr Davies will be teaching in Year 5

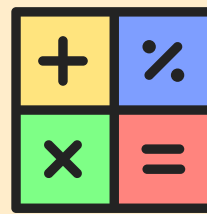
Maths will be taught in smaller groups to further embed the Maths skills for each year group. The children in UKS2 will be split into 4 groups and Mrs Mills will be the additional teacher.

Support Staff: Miss Cawdrey, Mrs Cain, Miss Scott and Mrs Ward.



RELIGION

We will follow the Come and See Programme throughout the year and begin by looking at the theme of Love where we will look at who loves and cares for us, how we love and how God shows his love for us. We will then look closely at the theme of Vocation and Commitment. This will allow us to spend some time with Father Steven and understand his role and responsibilities as our parish priest. Moving towards Christmas time, we will then focus on the theme of Expectations and the Liturgical theme of Advent where we prepare for Jesus' coming. Worship will commence weekly and this will allow us as class to take some quiet, reflective time to pray and think. This helps us to keep the question close to our hearts - 'What Would Jesus do?'



MATHS

We will be learning about Place Value, and using all 4 operations to develop our Maths skills. We will be learning how to develop addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in a variety of worded problems including using measures and shapes. We will be working closely as Upper Key Stage 2, to ensure that the children in Year 6 are working towards Maths skills that will help them in their SATs at the end of the year.



English



Much of our English this term will be based on the fantastic book 'Anglo Saxon Boy' by Tony Bradman. We will read this book as a class, and in our DEAR time then delve into lots of different writing, as this text offers many opportunities to showcase our English skills.

This book lends itself and links very well with our History topic this half term which is based on the question, 'What happened when the Romans left Britain?'

We look forward to sharing and celebrating our work with you!



HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

'What happened when the Romans left Britain?'

We are very excited about our first topic this term, it is something that has so many interesting things to discuss and find out about. Throughout the topic the children will learn all about the Anglo Saxons, who they were, where they came from and focus on their locations and settlements. We will look closely at how the Anglo Saxons lived and we will use and develop our Art and DT skills to create our own village home. We will also investigate the mystery of Sutton Hoo!



WATER BOTTLES

Please remind your children to take their water bottles home each evening and bring them back the following morning. Can you make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name.

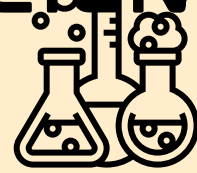
Only water is allowed!



PE

PE will take place on a Friday. Please ensure your child is in full school PE kit and it is labelled clearly.

SCIENCE



'What Materials Did The Romans Use To Build?'

Through practical activities, we will explore the properties of materials. We will also consider how materials are used nowadays, and make comparisons with the use of materials during Roman Times. In addition, we will explore how materials can change and consider if these processes are reversible. Building on our prior knowledge of solids liquid and gases, we will learn how to separate mixtures using various techniques, including filtering, sieving and evaporating.

Homework



Homework will be set every FRIDAY to be completed by Wednesday the following week. This will be a mixture of Grammar, Maths, handwriting and timestables.

The children will receive spellings to learn ready for a test the following week.

Additional to this there will be MyMaths set each Monday to Monday.

Log-ins are in your Child's journal.



Your child will receive two reading books per week. The children will have a set day that they change their books. Please sign your child's journal daily, so that we know that he/she has read to you.

We recommend that the children read every night for 20 minutes.

We cannot stress enough how much your child will benefit if they read daily. They will reap the rewards!

Reading a variety of literature, both to and with your child and asking questions and discussing the text will develop comprehension and will be a huge benefit to them. It is still very important to read with and hear your child read regularly. Your child may appear to read well to themselves, but they may be mispronouncing unfamiliar words to themselves which need correcting. Also, it is always useful to discuss the content of what your child is reading.

We are always available to speak to after school or you can leave us a message in your child's journal, which is checked daily!

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

We are excited for a fun and exciting year.

Thanks

The Upper Key Stage Team



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