

# Year 5 and 6 Newsletter



## BACK TO school

**DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,  
WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR. 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 Upper Key Stage 2 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.



# 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?'



In our upcoming unit, we will dive into a variety of fascinating Greek myths, exploring timeless stories of gods, heroes, and mythical creatures. Along the way, we'll build important reading and writing skills as we analyse characters, themes, and the unique features of mythological storytelling. To bring our learning to life, we will create an original Greek myth, complete with a brave hero and a fearsome mythical beast.

# 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.



This half term in science, our children will be learning about forces and how they affect the way things move. They will explore how unsupported objects fall towards the earth due to the force of gravity. Our children will also investigate the effects of air resistance, water resistance, and friction. In addition, they will learn how certain mechanisms, such as levers, pulleys, and gears, can make work easier by allowing a smaller force to have a greater effect. Through practical experiments and investigations, they will develop a clearer understanding of how these forces and mechanisms are part of everyday life.



## HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY

This half term in History, we are exploring the fascinating world of Ancient Greece. In Autumn 1, our children will develop key historical skills, including understanding chronology and using both primary and secondary sources to investigate the past. Through our lessons, our children will gain insight into everyday life in Ancient Greece, explore different systems of authority, and learn about Greek beliefs and mythology. We will also examine the lasting legacy of the Ancient Greeks and how their ideas continue to influence the modern world.



This half term, PE details are as follows:

Year 6 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5/6 Wednesday

Year 5 Wednesday

Child should arrive in school in their full, school PE kit.

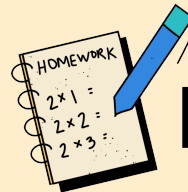
**Please note no earrings should be worn at all on PE days.**



## 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 plain water is allowed!**



## Homework

**Homework will be set every FRIDAY to be completed by Wednesday.**

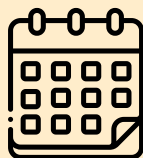
**This will be a mixture of Grammar, Maths, handwriting and timetables. The children will receive spellings to learn ready for a test the following week.**

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



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.



Important Dates  
Letters to follow

Meet the Teacher  
18<sup>th</sup> September 9am

Year 6 Robinwood meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> October

Celebration of the Word  
23rd October