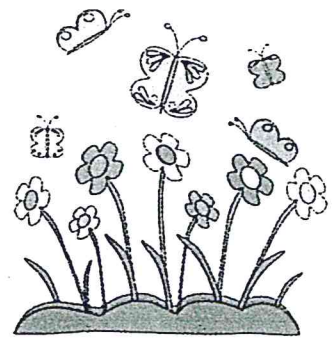


Year 5 and 6

Newsletter

Spring 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a peaceful Christmas and that you have a very Happy New Year. This newsletter will give you an overview of the learning that will be taking place through the term. This term Mrs Green will be joining us to support the learning in the Upper Key Stage 2 team.

The Spring term is as always a busy one. We will be studying environmental geography in our learning challenge 'What are we doing to where we live?' and following this we will be learning about electricity in our science and design technology learning challenge.

Year 6 students will be preparing for their end of Key Stage SATs and will be taking part in a variety of additional booster sessions throughout the term to support them in sitting these national tests. Please do encourage your child to take part in After School clubs there are a variety of opportunities for all children to take part including many sporting clubs.

We are usually available after school should you have any questions, concerns or if you would just like to know how your child is getting on. You could also arrange an appointment to see us via the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Atkin, Mrs Kirby, Miss Woodbridge, Mrs Thornhill, Miss Panks and Mrs Green
(Year 5 & 6 team)



How you can help your child at home?

The most important support you can provide is to read with your child daily and talk about what they are reading. Asking them to retell the story or questioning them about what they have read is a great way to check understanding, rather than just reading the words on a page.

It is also very helpful if you could practice multiplication tables and quick mental calculation including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Putting these facts into every-day contexts such as shopping, cooking, travelling or measuring really helps illustrate key vocabulary and supports recall!

Suggested Reading Linked to Our Learning:

Aubrey and the Terrible Ladybirds *Horatio Clare & Jane Matthews*

The Lost Words *Robert Macfarlane & Jackie Morris*

The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare *Zillah Bethell*

All the Wild Wonders *Various Poets, Wendy Cooling (editor) & Piet Grobler (illustrator)*

Fenn Halflin and the Fearzero *Francesca Armour-Chelu*

Sky Dancer *Gill Lewis*

Floodland *Marcus Sedgewick*

The Last Wild: Book 1 *Piers Torday*

Leaf *Sandra Dieckmann*



Our Learning:

English	Maths
<p>Explanation texts will be the starting point for our English learning as we focus on 'The Journey of Our Rubbish' using a variety of online material and books to support our understanding. Letter writing will be a focus as we write to persuade. We will also study poetry this term with a focus on authors choice of language. In reading we will develop our skills in 'reading between the lines' through our guided reading lessons.</p>	<p>This term we will continue to study multiplication and division to develop our understanding, reasoning and problem solving. Other topics this term will be Fractions, Decimals and Percentages! As previously stated, learning multiplication tables is absolutely crucial to all areas of maths, and we really appreciate any extra work you can do with your child in this area at home.</p>
Learning Challenge	
<p>We are starting the term with a whole-school PSHE learning challenge on the subject of rights, responsibility and rules. The next learning challenge is 'What are we doing to where we live?' which is driven by environmental geography. The second half term will be science and design technology focussed as we learn more about electricity. In computing this term we will focus on programming and control.</p>	
Music	PE
<p>We are extremely lucky to still have music lessons and tuition from Cambridgeshire Music. Year 5 will begin to learn the Ukulele whilst year 6 will still have the opportunity to carry their brass lessons from last year. Singing will also continue to be a feature of these lessons along with assemblies.</p>	<p>Mrs Ashby will deliver a PE lesson during the team's PPA time. Our PE focus for this term is tennis and gymnastics. Year 5 will be taught by a tennis coach during the first half term. Please do take the opportunity to enrol your child in an after school club. There are lots of opportunities including dance and basketball.</p>
PSHE	Other Events
<p>Beginning our term with the topic of 'Do all children have the same rights and responsibilities as me?' the children will explore what are the the United Nation convention on the right of the Child and relate this to both themselves and children in other countries.</p>	<p>Y5 and Y6 visit to Amey Cepsa to learn about recycling and landfill (6th February Year 5 and 7th February Year 6). These trips should not interfere with the normal lunch time routines.</p>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CLASSES

Please remember children should:

- Bring a water bottle to have in the classroom every day. This should be filled with water only.
- Children are allowed a healthy snack at break time and Cool Milk can be purchased. This can help with concentration after break.
- No pencil cases please. We provide everything needed for your child.
- Read at home every night. Bring your reading book to school everyday.
- Have indoor and outdoor PE kit with them every day.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday and is due
in the following Wednesday

Homework will be weekly spelling and maths
from the mental workout book or online
Abacus learning.

Reading is still important every night.

