

Year 5 and 6 Newsletter - Summer 2018



Ms Cooper & Miss Herrington (65C)
Mr Ward (5W)

	<u>What to bring to school</u>	<u>What to take home</u>
<u>Monday</u>	Reading book PE Kit	Reading book
<u>Tuesday</u>	Reading book	Reading book
<u>Wednesday</u>	Completed maths home-work. Reading book	Reading book
<u>Thursday</u>	Reading book	Reading book
<u>Friday</u>	Reading book	New homework Reading book

Please remember children should:

- Bring a water bottle to have in the classroom every day. This must be filled with water.
- No pencil cases please.
- Read at home every night. Bring your reading book to school everyday.
- Have indoor and outdoor PE kit with them.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term and a very warm one at that! Let's hope the great weather continues. Here is a brief summary of our learning for this term which we hope you will find useful.

The summer term is always a busy term in school, and this is particularly the case in Year 6 as we are getting ready for SATs as well as working towards preparing for the end of the school year. There are a number of events to be aware of, including the move up days for year 5 and the transition events of the various schools which will be attended by the year 6s.

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,

Ms Cooper, Miss Herrington & Mr Ward
(Year 5 & 6 team)

Our Learning:	
Maths	In English we will continue to focus on how great books are made using high quality texts to structure our learning. Starting with 'The Wonder Garden' we will learn how chiller narratives build suspense and make the hairs of the back of our necks stand up. Later in the term we will use 'Who Let The Gods Out' to develop our character descriptions linked to Roman Gods. This term we will continue to use calculation methods to solve problems and explain our mathematical reasoning. Our learning will start geometry, looking at the various properties of shapes, angles, position and movement. We will also be working on our measuring skills across a wide variety of units such as ml, cm, kg etc. and converting between units of measure.
Learning Challenge	
We are starting the term with a whole-school learning challenge based around a scientific topic. In years 5 and 6 this takes the form of Evolution and Inheritance. This will allow children to explore how mankind and other current living species have evolved into what they are today, as well as looking at how and why various animals have adapted to their environments e.g. the long necks of giraffes. After the half-term break we will be learning about Roman Art and the impact it has had on art throughout time. Our final topic will explore Earth in Space.	
English	
PE	Year 5 will continue to receive tuition from Cambridgeshire Music learning either brass or woodwind instruments on a Monday afternoon. Mr Ward will continue to teach Year 6 children Music thinking about how music by the same artists or groups changes over time.
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Other Events	
'We will be finishing off our topic of additional events occurring which will allow us to learn in a range of different ways. Watch out for dates for: • The school production • Sports Day • Willifield's Got Talent	

Our Learning:

Homework	Daily reading should continue in Year 5 and 6—please continue to read with your child and ask them questions about their reading. Maths homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. One week this will be a written exercise in their maths homework book and the next it will be an online activity. Spelling homework will also be set on a Monday and this will be checked on Friday. Once a term the children will receive an open ended project appropriate to their Learning Challenge. The children will have a few weeks to complete this, including the half-term holiday. 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!
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Suggested Reading Linked to Our Learning:	The Wonder Garden—Jenny Broom Short—Kevin Crossley-Holland Who Let the Gods Out—Maz Evans Cosmic: It's One Giant Leap For Boy-Kind—Frank Cottrell-Boyce
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