

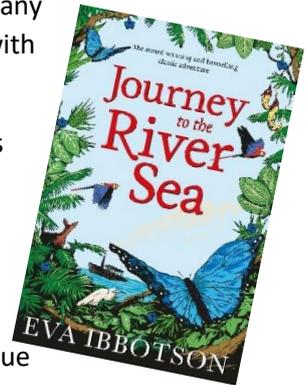
Year 5 and 6 Summer Term Newsletter 2021

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break. We have an exciting summer term ahead of us with lots of fun days planned and some exciting topics too. I would like to welcome Miss Downing, a student teacher, who has joined us in year 5 and 6 this term.

Maths Before Easter, your child brought home their target times tables to learn. We will continue to practise these in school but please encourage your child to learn these at home as well. Don't forget they can use Times Table Rockstars for this. I will retest all times tables towards the end of this half term.

This term in maths, we will be reviewing what we have learnt and identifying any gaps. We will also be focusing on any units not yet covered this year beginning with converting measures and shape.

English This term, we are reading Journey to the River Sea as our class book. This book ties in well to our Geography unit. As usual, we will be using the Read Write Inc. scheme for our English this term ensuring plenty of opportunities for writing and developing punctuation.



Spellings We have been working hard this year to learn any gaps from previously taught units as well as learning new spelling patterns. We will continue with this this term.

Science The children have been really enjoying their Science lessons with Miss Turner. This term, they will be doing plants and light.

Geography The children will become explorers of the diverse landscape of the Americas. They will be using their map and globe skills to learn about the geographic characteristics of different regions of the United States. They will explore each region's climate, natural resources, culture, and other distinctive characteristics.

History We are learning about Ancient Maya this term which ties in well with our Geography unit. We will be learning about life, traditions and beliefs in Ancient Maya, including the history of chocolate. We will also be conducting a lot of comparison work with previously taught British history during the same time period (roughly the Stone Age through to the Anglo Saxons).

Art/DI The first unit this term is printmaking where the children will explore a range of different printing techniques.

Music This term, the children will be developing their singing skills through their practice for the summer play.

French Madame Cook is doing a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing in French.

Computing This term, Mrs Watson is starting with a unit recapping internet safety before they go onto learning about networks.

PE Hopefully the sun continues to shine this term! We are doing rounders and tennis in PE.

RE For the first half term, we will be looking at the question "What would Jesus do?" and what this means to Christians. Next half term, we will be learning about Islam.

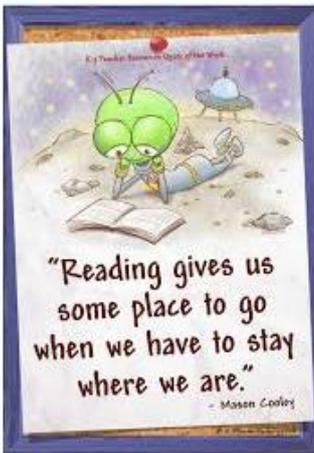
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Homework

CGP Books: As usual, Maths and English homework will be set weekly on a Tuesday to be returned on a Monday.

Spelling Shed: Spelling Shed homework is set on a Friday and due the following Thursday ready for the test.

Talking Homework: Talking homework is set on Seesaw on a Tuesday and due the following Monday. When the children begin to learn their scripts, I will start to set this as their talking homework.



Reading: We have had a big push on reading this year. Reading at home is part of the children's homework. They should read at least 3 times a week at home and bring in their reading record signed by an adult each time (this runs from Friday to Thursday each week). I am monitoring the reading daily and putting in extra reading sessions as needed. We have lots of rewards in place for reading. We have restarted our reading team challenge as this was a big hit last time: the children will gain a point for their team each day they read at home and are competing for an extra break time! On top of this, the children earn a house point every time they present a signed reading record and they also have their Book Bingo challenge. Some children have also chosen to take part in Spellbinding this term.

Summer Play I'm sure your child has told you that we are currently planning our KS2 play Alice the Musical. This year, Mrs Watson is organising and leading the play. The costume slips and scripts have been sent home today!

VIP We will be continuing with VIP this term which is always a lovely time to celebrate all the things each child brings to our school. Unfortunately, we still can't invite parents into school. We will continue to wash the jumpers in school.

If you have any questions at any point over the term, please feel free to email me.

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen