

Year 5 and 6 Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

Welcome back to a new school year!

We have had a fantastic start to a new school year and I have been really impressed with everyone's positive attitude towards their learning. We have lots of exciting topics planned this term which are outlined below as well as some important information and changes for this year.

Maths We are continuing to use White Rose for maths. We will begin with place value and then move onto the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will be working hard to fill any gaps from previous years.

As always, times tables will be a big focus and we will be continually practising and assessing these using written tests, games, activities and Times Tables Rockstars. Please encourage your child to use TTRS at home as this has proven to be a great resource.



English We are beginning with our class book 'Cosmic' which we will also be using as inspiration for our English lessons over the first few weeks. This is an exciting and funny story which we are enjoying so far. We are also continuing to use Read Write Inc.

Reading All of the children should have brought home a reading book last week which I have checked is an appropriate level. They are also welcome to read their own books as long as they are the correct level. Please continue to read with your child at home... reading every day is beneficial to all subjects. I have told the children that from this Friday (10th September) I will be keeping a record of how much they are reading. As part of their homework, they should be reading at least 3 times a week and an adult at home should sign their reading record. Soon, I will be introducing some fun incentives which will help to motivate and reward reading!

Science This term we will begin by learning about Earth and space and then electricity.

History We are learning about Ancient Egypt – one of my favourite topics! I have lots of exciting activities planned this term to really help bring history to life.

Geography This term, we will be learning about 'Our Changing World'.

Art/DT To start the term off, the children are making Egyptian masks!

Music The children will start by building on their glockenspiel skills by completing the next unit following on from last year.

French Madame Cook will be returning this year. It was lovely to see the children looking confident with their French last week.

Computing Year 5 and 6 are using Kodu for the first half of term.

PE PE will be on a Monday and a Friday. We will be beginning with football and cricket. In the second half of term, swimming will restart.

RE In RE, we will be thinking about two questions this term: 'Creation and Science: Conflicting or complementary?' and 'How do Christians perceive the birth of Jesus?'



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Homework I sent home a letter on Tuesday outlining homework arrangements.

VIP We will be continuing with VIP this year which is always a lovely time to celebrate all the things each child brings to our school. I am pleased to say that we can invite parents into our Friday VIP worship again! If your child is a VIP (wearing a blue jumper), you are invited to attend our VIP assembly at 9am on Friday. Please can you wash the VIP jumper and return it to school the following Monday.



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

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen