

Year 5 and 6 Spring Term Newsletter 2022

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and that 2022 has started well for you. We have some exciting units planned this half term which you can read more about below. I've also included some important information too.

Maths We are beginning with Fractions this term which will then lead us into decimals and percentages. Fractions is a unit previously covered in lockdown for many so I am recapping and picking up on any gaps in knowledge. Fractions, decimals and percentages is one of the key areas that come up in year 6 SATs so it is important the children feel confident with this. We are also continuing with times tables (times tables link to fractions more than you'd think) and I would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to go on TTRS at home.

English We have been using a new scheme for English, alternating with our usual RWI units. This new scheme really focuses on writing skills which is something we are having a big push on. We will begin the term doing some horror writing, which is always popular in year 5 and 6! We will then move onto some non-fiction writing.

Science In Science, our topic is sound. We are going to be carrying out lots of exciting experiments to find out how sound travels and what materials are used to absorb some sounds. Dr Kelly from Cartmel Priory will also be coming in to show the children some experiments.

History This term, the children are learning about Ancient Greece with Miss Barker. Ancient Greece is a really fun and interesting unit and the children will be making some comparisons with their learning on Ancient Egypt.



Geography In Geography, we are covering eastern European countries. We have begun by recapping some map work and identifying countries and cities in Europe. Our unit focuses on the human and physical geography of different countries and we will be making lots of comparisons.

Art/DT This term, we are making Greek vases out of clay!

Music In Music, the children are learning about Jazz. The children will be improvising using the glockenspiel.

French Madame Cook has been practising reading and writing French vocabulary and sentences with the children. She has lots of fun games and activities planned. Recently, they have been revisiting 'Les Trois Petits Cochons'.

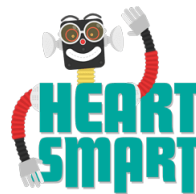
Computing In computing, year 5 and 6 are doing an 'iDraw' unit where they will be using a drawing programme called Scratchpad to create some art! This will build on the skills that they learnt with Mrs O'Kane last term.

PE This term our topics for PE are gymnastics on a Friday and hockey on a Monday.

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RE Our RE unit this half term revolves around this question: What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God?

PSHE We are continuing with Heartsmart this term. The title of the unit is 'Don't hold on to what's wrong'. The children are also doing Picture News every week.



Homework Homework is continuing as before.

Fridays: Spelling homework is set on Spelling Shed. The children also bring home a paper copy but this is not homework and is optional for families that want some extra practice.

Mondays: CGP books and Seesaw talking homework are due.

Tuesdays: New CGP and Seesaw homework is handed out.

Thursdays: Online Spelling Shed homework is due.

Three times a week: As part of their homework, the children should be reading at least 3 times a week and this should be signed by an adult in their Reading Record. This begins on a Friday and ends on a Thursday. I have a record that I keep which I check on a Thursday. Each time your child reads and presents a signed record, they earn a house point and a point for their reading team. Each half term, the reading team with the most points win an extra break.

Year 6: Occasionally, I may set year 6 additional homework which may not fit the timetable above. This helps to prepare them for the transition to secondary school.

VIP We have restarted our VIP this term which is always a lovely time to celebrate all the things each child brings to our school. If your child is a VIP (wearing a blue jumper), you are invited to attend our VIP assembly at 9am on Friday. We are asking that adults in school wear a mask at the moment please. Please can you wash the VIP jumper and return it to school the following Monday.

Star of the Week Star of the Week is handed out each Friday. Please can you return the star to school the following Thursday so that the next child can take it home. Thank you.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen