

Year 5 and 6 Summer Term Newsletter 2022

I hope you all had a lovely Easter. This newsletter will give you an overview into what we will be covering this term as well as some key reminders.

Maths We have begun with a recap on a few different areas in maths mainly focusing on angles and measure as well as continuing to develop arithmetic skills. We will continue with shape and measures in more depth. We are also continuing with times tables and I would appreciate it if you could encourage your child to go on TTRS at home.

English We have started the term with some grammar revision which has directly benefited all the children's writing as well as being good prep for the year 6 SPaG test. In the next few weeks, the focus will particularly be on improving writing and covering some genres that we've not yet looked at. Year 6 writing assessments are due in June.

Science In Science, our topic is the human body focusing particularly on the digestive system. Mrs Watson has some fun hands-on lessons planned. Dr Kelly from Cartmel Priory will also be coming in to work with the children.

History With a change to our planned topics, we have decided to do Leisure and Entertainment in history this term. The children will once again be taught by Miss Barker and I know she has some exciting lessons planned.

Geography We spent the beginning of term finishing off our maps unit and now we will start our new unit on trade and economics. Through this, we will look closely at Fairtrade so, when shopping, your child may find it interesting to look out for the Fairtrade logo.



Art Mrs Watson will be doing some silk painting this term! This is not something the children have done in school before so it is an exciting opportunity to expand experiences and try something new!

Music The children did really well with the ukulele last term. This term, they are working on singing from memory and controlling their voice.

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. Year 5 and 6 are practising their play ready to perform to parents in June! This is a great example of them letting their lights shine. Look out for the date in my whole school newsletter.

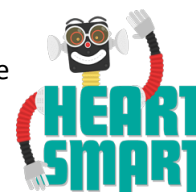
Computing In computing, year 5 and 6 are learning about how to keep safe online.

PE This term, our topics for PE are dance, rugby, orienteering and tennis. We also have the cluster Commonwealth Games to look forward to.

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RE Our RE unit this half term revolves around the question ‘How do Hindus show commitment to God?’ This links really well with our previous unit on Muslims and how they show commitment to God. This means we can think deeper and link our learning of different religions.

PSHE We are continuing with Heartsmart this term. The children are also doing Picture News every week which is what I set as talking homework.



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. (Due to SATs, there is no spelling homework due on 12th May)

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.

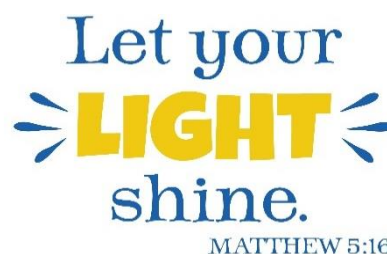
Three times a week: As part of their homework, the children should be reading at least 3 times a week and this should be signed by an adult in their Reading Record. This begins on a Friday and ends on a Thursday. I have a record that I keep which I check on a Thursday. Each time your child reads and 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: I have told year 6 that as they have worked so hard towards SATs, I will not be setting them any CGP or talking homework between now and the end of half term. I will still be expecting them to read and complete their Spelling Shed homework. After half term, homework will resume as usual.

VIP 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.

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.

Our new ‘shine tree’: As part of our new vision and strapline “Let your light shine”, we have introduced our shine tree to Friday’s Collective Worship. Each week, I will choose a child who has let their light shine and they add a candle to the tree. They can receive this for a range of reasons such as being kind, being helpful, going above and beyond, showing their talents in a particular area or being polite.



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

Kind regards,

Mrs Curwen