



Autumn Term

Y5/6 Curriculum Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely summer and it has been fantastic to see the children again after the holidays. We've had a super first week back and below is an outline of some of the learning that will be taking place this term in Y5/6.

Topic Work: Titanic

This term, our topic will be Titanic – particularly focusing on the question “What was life like on board the Titanic?” In order to help us answer this question, we will be learning about the different features on board the Titanic, taking into consideration the difference between societal classes including their living spaces, free choice on the Titanic and procedures especially the dismissal during the sinking. The children will have an insight into this, by stepping into the role of a real-life passenger on the Titanic, understanding how they were treated in comparison to others. Further to this, the children will be learning about the sinking of the Titanic, the reasons why and the impact.



Science: Forces

In science, we will be investigating the role of forces in the world around us. We will discover the impacts of gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction on people and objects. We will conduct practical experiments inside and outside the classroom to help consolidate our learning and bring to life the concepts we study. Children will also learn about the roles of Isaac Newton and Galileo Galilei in developing the key scientific principles on which much of our unit will be based.

Art: How does artwork show social class?

In Art this half term we will be creating work based on the artist William Morris. Within our Art topic, we will be analysing and evaluating existing artwork created by William Morris, whilst developing our art skills of Textiles through experimenting with a range of Batik techniques, using all of this as inspiration for our final piece.



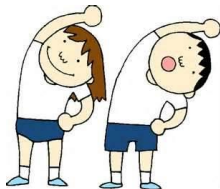
PE: Problem Based Learning

Kingfishers – Wednesday and Thursday

Eagles – Tuesday and Thursday

Doves – Thursday and Friday

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school at all times. This includes shorts, white t-shirt, suitable footwear and a tracksuit for colder weather.



RE: Who inspires me?

In RE, children will consider who inspires them and how they are influenced to act. We will learn about inspirational religious figures from the past and religious and non-religious contemporary figures. Children learn why Jesus is inspiring to some and how modern day Christians try to follow his example. As well as this, children will reflect on stories of inspirational figures such as Ghandi and learn why some people choose to stand up for their beliefs in difficult circumstances.

PSHE: What makes a happy and healthy relationship?



This half term children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be learning about the diversity of relationships. Children will be learning about the qualities of a loving relationship, whilst having an awareness of what it means to be in an unhealthy relationship.

This will be explored through thought provoking discussions, role play and detailed information from specialist organisations and charities.

Computing: Digital Citizenship

We are going to learn how to use technology safely, respectfully and responsibly. We will learn how to navigate technology safely whilst developing an awareness of our own other's online behaviour, and develop effective strategies for staying safe and making a positive contribution online.

Music:

This term, children will be playing the Ocarina.



Please ensure your child is always fully prepared for the school day with their school bag, PE kit, reading record & reading book, homework, and anything else they may have been asked to bring in.



Home learning:

- Read at home for 15-20 minutes every day
- Practice spellings
- Learn times tables
- Complete any weekly Maths & English
- Try to join in with the new half termly project work



Our School Blog

Please check our school blog regularly. There are lots of photographs of what we have been up to in school and of special events. We also put homework up on there too. If you have a problem logging in, please let one of the Y5/6 team know and we can resolve the problem as soon as we can. It would be great to see some comments being added to the blogs as this is something the children enjoy reading and gives them further pride in their accomplishments.



