

Year 5/6 Newsletter

November 2020

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic first term we have had with the children settling so quickly back into the school routines and expectations. They have adapted brilliantly to the new routines and safety precautions put in place and we have been so impressed with how well they are doing already! We hope that you feel settled and thank you for all your support in this strange time! We spent the last term with lots of discussions of emotions, changes and how we can manage difficult experiences. We are now well into our new topic, although of course the social and emotional side of our pupils learning will continue to be at the forefront of everything we do.

Topics

Our new topic for Advent 2 is "Where in the world have you been?" We will be guided by the text 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo and the children are already fully immersed in this story. We will be exploring different locations in the world through Geography and considering the different forces through science. This will be accompanied by the RE topic 'What does it mean to live in Hope?'

Reading and Homework

All of the children have started making great use of their new home/school diary, which they will keep **for the whole academic year**. This diary can be used to communicate with us as well as providing you with information about what your child is currently doing in school. **If anything changes in regards to how your child will be getting home, please write this in their diary.** It will also tell you what your child's current targets are for each half term. Please ensure you check your child's diary regularly and sign it each week. As with reading books, please encourage them to make sure they have it in school everyday!

Please ensure that your child is reading at home as often as possible (ideally every day!). Remember, in Year 5 and 6, we have a 'Book Point' system. For every two times your child reads and this is initialled in their diaries, they will receive one book point. A book point will also be awarded for each book finished. Whenever they have been awarded 50 book points, they will receive a reward. This does seem to be encouraging them to read more at home on their own or to someone they know.

At present there is no homework set for the year 5/6 cohort. We will gradually reintroduce it as the children settle back into the swing of things.

School Website

Please keep an eye on the school website for updated information and pictures of the children's work and activities on the class pages.

Equipment

Please ensure that your child has the correct equipment with them at school. PE kits should be worn to school on a Friday as this is the day for Y5/6 PE.

We are asking them to come into school wearing their PE kits to avoid mixing with other classes to get changed. May we remind you that this consists of a **plain white t-shirt, blue shorts/skirt, plimsolls or trainers.** A plain dark tracksuit may be worn for outdoor lessons. Earrings must be removed and children **must** be able to do this themselves. The children may also bring a bottle of water with them to school and we would really encourage all children to do so - this can really boost their brain power! Please make sure this is in a labelled bottle and that your child brings it home to be washed and refilled each day.

Y5 Swimming

Unfortunately, at the moment the Year 5 swimming will not be starting until January due to the current health and safety measures.

We hope that you have found this newsletter useful and have learnt a little about what your child will be doing over the coming term. If you do have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at school - we are always available on the playground at the end of the day!

Yours sincerely

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