



UPPER KEY STAGE TWO (YEARS 5 AND 6) NEWSLETTER SPRING TERM 2022

Labelling Personal Property

Please help us to return mislaid items by labelling them clearly.

Random Acts of Kindness Day

Promoting respect and kindness to all is the focus of the day.

Times Table Rockstar Day

Times Table Rockstar Week begins on the 31st January. Everyone in school will be dressing up as a rock star on Friday 4th February. Get your rock outfit ready!

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 8th February is safer Internet Day. The focus of which is 'All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online'.

Bikeability

Year 5 will have the opportunity to take part in the Bikeability workshops which will be running during the weeks commencing 28th February and 7th March.

Year 5 Appleton Day

On Friday 4th March, all Year 5 children will attend a secondary school experience day at The Appleton School (irrespective of where they will be going in Year 7). Further details nearer the date.

World Book Day 3rd March

Once again children will have the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book character. There will be a variety of activities held during the day to celebrate the joy of reading.

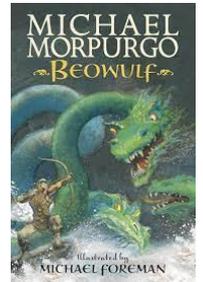
CURRICULUM COVERAGE YEARS 5 AND 6

We would like to wish everyone a very 'Happy New Year'.

The children in Years 5 and 6 will follow the National Curriculum for all subjects.

In maths, both year groups will be covering further aspects of: calculation, sequencing and patterns, ratio and proportion (Year 6/5 classes), measuring, understanding the properties of shape, graphing and other aspects of data handling and analysis. All skills are applied in problem solving and through mastery tasks. These areas of learning will be spread over the term at a level suitable to the individual child.

In English, the children are starting this term with further study of narrative. They are then exploring a range of non-fiction texts (newspaper reports, persuasion, balanced argument, letters and non-chronological reports) as well as classic English literature: Beowulf. All work set will be at an appropriate level for individual children.



In science, the children will be looking at classifying living things: the plant and animal kingdoms, as well as microorganisms. They will be conducting a variety of scientific investigations and will be considering whether results are reliable and valid; the best way to present results and drawing conclusions.



Our geography studies will be following the Trans-Siberian Railway. The children will be learning about the differences between human and physical geography as they chart this journey. The great Shang Dynasty will be the focus of our history studies.

During art, children will be taking part in the Art Challenge, whilst in D.T. they will be designing and making a moving toy using a cam mechanism.

Networks will be studied in computing, together with e-safety and in R.E the children will be studying Buddhism and the *Story of Daniel*. 'Thinking about how music improves our world' is the focus in music. The unit will explore key and time signatures during the first half term, and will then move onto music notation and how music teaches us about our community in the second half term. Living in the wider world: belonging to a community; media literacy; digital resilience; and money and work are addressed through P.S.H.E. Pupils will be developing their dance and building fitness and stamina to begin the new year, and will then move onto badminton and hockey in P.E. During French, the children will be looking at maths! They will be learning numbers up to 100, and adding one more than and one less than. Towards the end of the term, they will be learning how to tell the time. This will enable children to expand their vocabulary, develop their written and oral skills as well as becoming more accurate in translation.

In addition, the children in the Year 6/5 classes will undertake practice SATs papers to build their confidence so they are familiar with the tests.

The National Curriculum is followed for both English and maths.

Week Commencing	English	Mathematics – Mrs Rawling and Mr Smith	Mathematics – Miss Baldwin
3 rd January	Grammar	Ratio and proportion	Shape and perimeter
10 th January	Narrative	Ratio and proportion	Perimeter and place value
17 th January	Narrative	Angles	Negative numbers
24 th January	Narrative	Properties of 2D shape	Number properties
31 st January	Newspaper reports	Symmetry and Reflections	Fractions and decimals
7 th February	Persuasive texts	Co-ordinates	Fractions, Decimals and percentages
14 th February	Half term	Half term	Half term
21 st February	Discursive writing	Area and perimeter	Percentages
28 th February	Beowulf- character study	Area of compound shapes	Measures
7 th March	Setting and creation of atmosphere	Properties of 3D shape	Statistics and time
14 th March	Diary	Volume	Properties of shape
21 st March	Letter	Measures	Angles
28 th March	Non-chronological Report	Pie charts	Consolidation
4 th April	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday	Easter Holiday

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Baldwin, Mr Smith and Mrs Rawling
Upper KS2 Teachers