



NEWSLETTER

UPPER KEY STAGE 2 (YEARS 5 AND 6) NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2023

A very warm welcome back to the autumn term. We trust that you and your families had an enjoyable summer break.

UNIFORM

Thank you to parents for the effort you put into ensuring your child adheres to uniform requirements. All items of uniform need to be labelled. May we remind you that only small stud earrings are permitted and for health and safety reasons these earrings must be removed for P.E. Also, if hair is of a length that can be tied back, it should be. School shoes should be worn, unless there is a medical reason, in which case, we require a medical note.

P.E. UNIFORM

Just to remind you that P.E. uniform is:

- . plain white or blue t-shirt (or with school logo);
- . black shorts;
- . trainers.

If it is cold, then a plain black sweatshirt and jogging bottoms can be worn. Fitbits cannot be worn because of possible connectivity and GDPR issues.

Days for sport and P.E. are Tuesday and Friday for Mr Newton and Mrs Parrag's classes and Monday and Wednesday for Mr Smith's class.

CURRICULUM COVERAGE

The National Curriculum is followed for both English and maths.

Week Commencing	English	Mathematics Mrs Parrag and Mr Newton	Mathematics Mr Smith
5 th September	Friendship Week Activities	Initial Assessments	Initial Assessments
11 th September	Sentence Stacking ('Kindness is my Superpower') Grammar: noun revision	Number and place value / addition and subtraction with decimals	Number and place value
18 th September	Sentence Stacking ('The New Girl') Grammar: subject, verb and object	Multiplication by two-digit numbers and negative numbers	Addition and subtraction
25 th September	Sentence Stacking ('The New Girl') Grammar: active and passive voice	Division by two-digit numbers	Multiplication and division by one digit
2 nd October	Sentence Stacking ('The New Girl') Grammar: verbs (main and auxiliary)	Calculating with decimals	Multiplication by two digits
9 th October	Sentence Stacking ('The Lost Thing') Grammar: tense (past, present progressive and perfect)	Word problems with remainders	Using equivalent fractions

16 th October	Sentence Stacking ('The Lost Thing') Grammar: assessment	BIDMAS	Addition and subtraction of fractions
23 rd October	Half-Term		
30 th October	Editing Sentence Stacking Grammar: apostrophes for possession and contraction. Structuring sentences (comma splicing)	Fraction Revision	Converting units of measure
6 th November	Poetry (WW1) Grammar: choice of language for effect	Calculations with fractions	Properties of shapes
13 th November	Explanations texts Grammar: prepositions	Calculations with fractions	Measuring and drawing angles
20 th November	Explanation texts Grammar: conjunctions	Percentages	Reflections and translations
27 th November	Newspaper reports Grammar: speech punctuation	Percentages	3-d shapes
4 th December	Newspaper reports Grammar: subordinate clauses	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Co-ordinates
11 th December	Newspaper reports Grammar: prepositional phrases	Fractions, decimals and percentages	Statistics
18 th December	Christmas Activities		

During Friendship Week, pupils will look at what qualities make a good friend. As part of PSHE, they will think about what a safe relationship is, respect in the community and how diversity improves the society that we live in. Also, during week commencing 2nd October we will be discussing puberty (more information to follow).

During science lessons, children in Year 6/5 classes will be looking at the Earth and space, as well as the circulatory systems. Throughout these units, pupils will be developing their skills in scientific investigation. Creating and manipulating images will be covered in computing. To ensure that children are continually aware of its importance, E-Safety will be taught throughout the year in the first week of each half-term. In geography, we will be looking at the impacts of climate change on the poles and also the effects of the wildfires that have occurred over the summer. The Mayans will be studied in history and children will learn about this ancient civilisation.

This year, we are excited to introduce a new Essex approved R.E. scheme. This will allow the children to develop their philosophical and theological questioning. We are happy to welcome back Roots to Food which is part of the D.T. curriculum. Basketball, gymnastics, as well as multi-skills, will be taught in P.E. In music, children will learn about the differences between live and digital sounds and will be using their knowledge to create their own music. Children will be learning about shops, directions and Christmas in French.

HOMWORK

In Upper Key Stage 2, homework will be set weekly on Thursdays to be turned in by the following Tuesday. If homework is late, then pupils will have to complete the work during lunchtime on a Wednesday, unless parents have informed us of any exceptional circumstances.

READING

The expectation is that all pupils in the school read at least four times a week to an adult. If they haven't then year 6/5 pupils will complete their reading during the first 15 minutes of a Friday lunchtime.

ROOTS TO FOOD

The very enjoyable Roots to Food roadshow will once again be making their annual visit to our school on Friday the 29th of September, where the children will learn a dish to cook with you at home!



PSHE VOCABULARY

Following feedback from parents, here is the vocabulary for this term's PSHE:

collaboration	discrimination	resilience
consent	gender/racial discrimination	respect
confidentiality	permission seeking	stereotypes
conflict resolution	prejudice	

Here is the vocabulary for the science and PSHE lesson on growing and changing:

vulva	vagina	penis
scrotum	testicles (testes)	
sperm	egg	ejaculation
cervix	fallopian tubes	pubic hair
wet dreams	semen	menstruation
ovary	uterus	erection
hormones	sanitary towel	tampon
menstrual cup	period knickers	
periods	sexual orientation	gender identity
gestation	pregnancy	fertilisation
birth	foetus	umbilical cord