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Year 5 / 6 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn Term 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! The children have made such a positive start to their new classes and are adapting well to the daily routines. This year, Upper Key Stage 2 consists of two classes: one Year 6 class and one Year 5. Mrs Lockwood is covering PPA time for all staff.

Our Learning

A curriculum overview will be available on the website which outlines topics and areas of study for the year ahead. Additionally, every half-term there will be a Thematic Overview which breaks down the topic areas that we will be teaching. This term, the theme is 'Victorians' in Year 6 – this will be taught for the whole of the Autumn term. In Year 5, the topic is 'Anglo Saxons' (until October half-term) and then 'Vikings' which will be taught until Christmas. A Victorian Day has been planned for **Year 6** which will take place on **Tuesday 17th September**. Further information about this has already been sent out in the newsletter.

You will be able to access curriculum overviews, copies of letters and information about events on the school website. We do sometimes share photographs and videos on our web page – if you have not already, please notify the school office if you do not want pictures or videos of your child to be used. In addition, activities in the classroom may sometimes involve children baking or eating so it is very important that you let us know at the start of the year if your child has any food allergies or if you do not want them to be involved in food tasting.

In Year 5 and 6 each child has their own locker near to their classroom which is for larger items such as coats, bags and lunch boxes. The children have made a fabulous start in coming in correct PE kit on their set days. The school PE kit consists of a '**named**' plain white T-shirt and black shorts (football kits are not appropriate for PE sessions). Trainers will be needed for PE and perhaps a tracksuit or black jogging bottoms for the colder months. A waterproof will be required for wet days as the children go out in all weathers and a spare pair of socks would be helpful to always have in school. Earrings must be **removed** for all PE sessions. **If your child is unable to remove their earrings, please contact your child's class teacher.** Please notify us in writing or by e-mail in advance if your child is unable to participate in PE for any reason. We would like to thank you all for your support in ensuring that your child is well-equipped and organised for school this term; the children have approached their new class confidently and are settling in well.

PE sessions will take place at the following times:

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| Year 5 | Wednesday and Friday |
| Year 6 | Monday and Wednesday |

Homework Routines

| Homework | Set | Due in |
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| Homework Menu | Thursday | Please refer to the instructions on the homework menu. |
| Spellings | Monday | Friday |

Monday: In Year 6, all children will be set a spelling homework task each week which relates to a particular spelling rule -this will include a list of spellings to practise at home. The children will be tested on their spelling list each Friday. Spelling tasks will be set on Google Classroom at the beginning of the week - work should be submitted by the following Friday. **In Year 5**, spellings are sent at the beginning of each half term and will be tested weekly on **Fridays**.

Thursday: In both Year 5 and 6, homework will be set on the first Thursday of each half term in the form of a 'Menu'. This should be completed in homework books and returned to school each Thursday to be checked with the class teacher. All details of how to complete homework will be on the 'Menu' which will be sent home as a paper copy and emailed out on ParentPay

Reading

Our aim in school is to encourage a love of books and reading for enjoyment; therefore, children and staff will read every day in school. The children will share an on-going whole class text which will be a focus of some reading lessons. In addition, the children will read an independent reading book which can be brought to and from school each day. Your child will also be provided with a reading record, to provide an indication of their reading progress. We ask that children bring their reading record in between home and school, to help keep a regular record, and encourage them to read and make comments about books on completion. Please feel free to write any comments you may have in your child's reading record. The children are working hard to learn and understand a wide range of 'new' vocabulary that will support them in writing and in their understanding when approaching challenging texts. Please encourage your child to ask you if they are unsure of the meaning of a word or guide them towards a dictionary.

Dates For Your Diary

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| Year 5 – Visit to Murton Park | Tuesday 17 th September 2024 |
| Year 6 – Victorian Day | Tuesday 17 th September 2024 |
| Year 6 - Victorian Trip to York | Tuesday 5 th November 2024 |
| Year 6 Residential to Boggle Hole | 23 rd – 26 th June 2025 |
| Year 5 Residential to Newby Whiske Hall | 16 th – 18 th June 2025 |
| Year 6 SATs | WB Monday 12 th May 2025 |
| Whole School Lego Day | Wednesday 25 th September 2024 |

Please email school as soon as possible if you have any concerns regarding your child, however trivial they may seem.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled year of learning!

Yours sincerely,

Jessica Bradley and Rachel Dickenson