

Class 3 Year 5/6 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024

Welcome back!

Welcome to Years 5/6. I hope that you have enjoyed your summer. We are really pleased to welcome the children back into school and I am looking forward to working with you and your children.

This information sheet will give a broad outline of the work your child will be undertaking this term. We hope you will find it useful. If you have any queries, please contact me via the school office.



Curriculum Coverage

Maths

- Place Value (Y5 & Y6)
- Addition and Subtraction (Y5 & Y6)
- Multiplication and Division A (Y5 & Y6)
- Fractions (Y5 & Y6)
- Multiplication and Division B (Y5 & Y6)

Each day the children will complete daily arithmetic questions as well as a daily speed table in order to help them remember and become more fluent when using essential key facts. Each week they will also complete an arithmetic test.

Religious Education

Ourselves - Created in the image and likeness of God.

JUDAISM

Life Choices - Marriage, commitment, and service.

Hope - Advent: waiting in the joyful hope for Jesus, the promised one.



English

Writing

Our key reading texts for this term are Impossible creatures as our whole class text and The Boy at the Back of the Class which we will be using to inspire our English writing tasks in the first half term. We will be exploring a range of writing genres over the term, both fiction and non fiction.

Grammar and Punctuation

Grammar and punctuation are a key requirement for all primary age children and therefore is threaded throughout all lessons.

Reading

Weekly comprehension exercises and group and whole class guided reading sessions will continue to develop comprehension skills.

Reading is essential to your child's learning. Please encourage your child to read for at least 10 minutes each day at home.



History – Anglo Saxon and Vikings

This term, we will be learning all about who the Anglo Saxons were and why they invaded Britain and settled there. They will understand how Christianity arrived in England and the significance of certain individuals and places of heritage.

Pupils will discover that many changes took place in the North East of England for the Anglo Saxons during their time.

Geography – Settle Down

Your child will have an understanding of what the word 'settlement' means and be able to identify different types of settlements, commenting on the physical and human features of each.

They will be able to compare how settlements looked in the past with how they look in the present day using a range of sources including maps, diagrams and aerial photographs.

Science

Our first unit this term is Forces. Your children will consolidate and extend their knowledge of forces by naming individual forces (e.g. gravity, friction, upthrust). They will extend their knowledge of frictional forces (air resistance and water resistance) and plan fair test investigations to discover which shoe has the greatest friction and which shapes offer the most water resistance.

Our second unit of work is Properties of Materials. During this unit of work, children will consolidate previous learning by revisiting the properties of solids, liquids and gases; learn to describe the properties of materials using scientific language; investigate which materials make the best thermal insulators; and which materials are magnetic.

PE

Autumn 1

- Swimming
- Rugby – Taught by SSP

Autumn 2

- Swimming
- Acrobatic Gymnastics – Taught by SSP

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct **school P.E. Kit** – Thank you.

Computing

Autumn 1

Networks – This unit of work introduces pupils to the importance of a computer operating system.

Scratch Programming – The children will learn to design, write and debug programs that accomplish specific goals. This unit builds upon the skills learnt in Year 4.

Class 3 Important Dates

- 25.09.24 – Welcome Liturgy C1 and C3
- 03.10.24 – Cross Country Competition
- 04.10.24 – Year 5 Drama Day (all day)
- 09.10.24 – MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
- 10.10.24 – Netball Competition
- 23.10.24 – Parent's Evening
- 25.10.24 – PD Day
- 13.11.24 – Flu Immunisations
- 15.11.24 – Children in Need
- 19.11.24 – Whole School Photographs
- 25.11.24 – C3 School Trip to Life Centre
- 12.12.24 – Christmas Dinner
- 16.12.24 – Santa Run
- 18.12.24 6:00pm – KS2 Carol Service
- 19.12.24 – C2 & C3 Christmas Party
- 20.12.24 – Break up – School closes 1pm

Art & DT

- Drawing – Portraits
- Cooking and Nutrition – Bread Making