



YEAR 5 / 6 – PARENT INFORMATION AND CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

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Curriculum Overview

Upper School will study the following topic areas during the year:

- Autumn 1 Go With The Flow
- Autumn 2 Eureka!
- Spring 1 Space Explorers
- Spring 2 The Terrible Tudors
- Summer Saving The Rainforest

Staff

The LSAs working in Upper School are Mrs Bridle, Mrs Lee and Miss Humphrey. In addition, some children will work in small groups with Miss Humphrey and one-to-one with Mrs Deighton.

On Thursday afternoons, Mr Gannaway, Miss Hoyle and Mrs Murphy will be out of the classroom. On these days the children will be taught Music, Library Skills and P.E. Music will be taught by Mrs Bartlett, Library Skills by Mrs Packman and P.E. by Miss Matson.

For the Autumn 1 half-term the children will also be taught hockey by Mr Wotton.

P.E. Kit

It is important that the children have the correct P.E. kit in school. It is suggested that children bring their P.E. kit into school on a Monday and leave it on their peg until Friday to ensure that they don't forget it on the day. The children will be bringing home letters if they are not in the correct kit. If you have any difficulty in providing the correct kit, please let your class teacher know.

Uniform

Upper School have had a tremendous start to the year with regard to school uniform. Please encourage your child to keep the high standards up for the whole year.

Residential

This year's residential will be to Ironbridge which includes a visit to a Victorian Town, an opportunity to make their own tile, to make and design a buggy, a visit to a butterfly farm and a ride in a steam train. It has been booked for the week beginning 19th June, which is after the Year 6 children will have completed SATs. There is an information evening on Thursday 13th October.

Prefects / School Council

The school will shortly be voting for the school prefects, including Head Boy and Head Girl. The results will be announced in a Celebration Assembly.

There will also be elections for the School Council for both Years 5 and 6.

Additionally, the expectation is that every child in Upper School will be a role model to the rest of the school. There will be other responsibilities around the school as well such as Eco-champions, Librarians and litter picking.

End of Year Production

Near the end of the Summer Term, Upper School will perform an end of year musical production. The Year 6 children will be given priority for the speaking parts but all

with the have opportunity to sing the chorus to songs. There will be opportunities for children to also have solo parts. Details will be announced after SATs!

Homework

Homework will be sent home on a Friday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. Children who have not got their homework in school on the Tuesday will be given time to do it during Tuesday lunchtime. The homework will reflect the learning that the children have done in class that week. If for any reason a child is unsure about their homework they should talk to their teacher on the Monday. The expectation is that every child will have completed their homework by the Tuesday but if, as a one-off, this has not been possible please send in a note to your class teacher so that an extension may be given.

It is really important that children keep up-to-date with their homework, especially Year 6 to prepare them for SATs as well as the transfer to secondary school for Year 7.

It is expected that all children will read every day. This will support our weekly reading buddy scheme in school where Year 6 read with Year 4 and Year 5 read with Year 3. In addition, some children will receive High Frequency Spellings to learn, on which they will be tested once a week and for which the children should bring in written evidence that they have been practising at home. If this is not possible they will have the opportunity to practise during playtime. Other, topic related spellings, will be sent home when appropriate. All children, whether they bring spellings home or not, will have regular spellings and grammar teaching.

Additionally, there will be weekly spelling tests which will be a combination of Sets 7, 8, 9 and 10 and other words where it is expected that the children apply the spelling rules they have learnt. These words will not be sent home to learn because, although there is an important place for learning spellings by rote, children also need to be able to apply rules.

Knowledge of times tables is a crucial element of Years 5 and 6. Children should be working on their tables to ensure that they have quick recall of their tables. They will be tested twice a week. Additionally, the children need a rapid recall of their number bonds (addition facts) and these will also be tested on a regular basis.

In addition to the above there will also be a Home Learning Project on a termly basis.

Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs)

Although the dates for the 2016 SATs have yet to be confirmed it is expected to be around the week commencing 8th May. Please do your best to ensure that your child is in school in the weeks around this time so that they have the opportunity to show all they have learnt. As in previous years the school will provide a free breakfast club during SATs week for Year 6.

Attendance

Attendance is extremely important for all children. Research has shown that children who regularly miss school are severely adversely affected in their results. Please ensure that your child is in school and on time unless there are exceptional circumstances which we are made aware of.

Mr Gannaway

Miss Hoyle

Mrs Murphy