

Year 5/6 Newsletter September 2018

A very warm welcome to those joining the Y5/6 department, and welcome back to those who were in Y5 last year! We would like to welcome Mrs. Benn as new member of staff in our department, as well as Mr. Redhead who is new to Y5/6 but not new to the children!

The Y5/6 Team:

Teachers:

Mr. Attenborough – Merlin Class (Y6)

Mrs. Bown (Mon/Tue/Wed) & Mrs. Benn (Thur/Fri)– Flamingo Class (Y6)

Mrs. Birkin (Mon/Tue) & Mr. Clark (Wed/Thur/Fri) – Owl Class (Y5)

Mr. Redhead – Eagle Class (Y5)

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs. Riley

Mrs. Gresswell

Mrs. Mitchell

Mrs. Bamford (PPA cover)

Mrs. Bartlett (PPA cover)

Homework & reading books

We have purchased a spelling, punctuation & grammar and a Maths homework book for every child in Y5 & 6. We will be setting homework from these on a weekly basis, so it is important that your child looks after this book as it needs to last them the year. If your child needs help with these, please encourage them to ask their teacher in advance of the deadline - we will be reviewing this work done in class.

Week	Activity
10.9.18	Maths
17.9.18	SPAG
24.9.18	Maths
1.10.18	SPAG
8.10.18	Maths
15.10.18	SPAG
22.10.18	Maths

Tables/Mental maths activity

Children will be expected to learn times tables by heart for tests which will happen weekly- this is a vital part of their learning and it's really important that children keep practising their times tables.

Reading books

Reading books are changed when the children have completed them, and the children will be doing at least one guided reading session every other week with the teacher. Most children in Y5/6 are free readers, and we expect them to choose appropriate books for their ability level. If a child wants to bring a book in from home, that is fine; however we would like to encourage children a variety of genres and styles of book. We expect children to read independently at home also but teachers in most cases do not monitor this.

Timetable and organisation

P.E. times for the first half term are as follows:

	Merlin Class	Flamingo Class	Owl Class	Eagle Class
Indoor P.E.	Wednesday	Wednesday	Friday	Friday
Outdoor P.E.	Friday	Friday	Wednesday	Wednesday

Topic Overview for the year:

Across 2018-19, Y5&6 will be covering the following topics:

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topics	Ancient Greece	Thrills & Spills	Around the World	The Mayan Civilisation	Shipwrecks	
Extra	Ancient Greek Day	Black Country Museum trip			SAT week	Isle of Wight trip Open Centre visit

Later on this half term we will be having an Ancient Greek themed day, including dressing up- more information on this to follow!

Transition to secondary school

It will soon be time to apply for a secondary place for your child. The dates of the open days for the local secondary schools are as follows:

Kirk Hallam: Tuesday 18th September, 5pm-7pm

St. John Houghton: 20th September, any time between 8.30am & 6pm

Ilkeston Ormiston: Tuesday 25th September, 5.45-8pm.

Heanor Gate: Thursday 27th September, 5pm onwards

Friesland: Thursday 13th September, 5.45pm onwards

Water bottles:

Please provide your child with a named bottle of water to be sipped in class in order to keep hydrated. Children must be responsible to take the bottle home at the end of the school day so it can be washed and refilled ready for the next day. Fresh fruit is the only snack allowed at break times.

Rewards & Sanctions:

There are many different ways in which children are rewarded in Year 5/6, such as house points, table points and extra breaktimes. If children do not follow instructions, then the card system is used. If a child is given a red card (when they have shown

inappropriate behaviour 3 times during the day), then a text message will be sent home to parents to make them aware. If a child receives three red cards over a half term, then the child will be put on a home school behaviour log following a discussion with parents.

Class worships (in new hall)

Merlin Class: Tuesday 28th November 2017

Owl Class: Thursday 22nd March 2018

Flamingo Class: Thursday 18th January 2018

The Y5/6 end of year production will take place towards the end of the final half term; this will be at 7pm in the Sixth Form hall at Kirk Hallam.

We hope you find the information useful- please come and ask the team if you have any questions!

Yours sincerely

Mr. Attenborough

Y5/6 Team leader