





Year 5/6 Newsletter September 2021

A very warm welcome to those joining the Y5/6 department, and welcome back to those who were in Y5 last year! We can't wait to meet our new classes! We've got a great and exciting curriculum to get our teeth into from September. In the first half term in Year 6 children will be learning about the Vicious Vikings, how light travels, being a good digital citizen and how to write diary entries & reports. In Year 5, children will be learning about space & other planets, the physical geography of the Earth and how to write newspaper reports & balanced arguments.

A full breakdown of all subjects can be found on the Y5/6 section of the school website.

The Y5/6 Team:

Merlin Class: Year 6 Mr Attenborough (Department lead)		Eagle Class: Year 6 Miss. Rudd <i>(hopefully to be Mrs Rudd-Walters in September)</i>		Flamingo Class Year 5 Mrs. Bown (Mon-Wed) Mrs. Benn (Thur-Fri)		Owl Class Year 5 Mrs. Birkin (Mon-Tue) Mrs. Smith (Wed-Fri)	
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Teaching Assistants:

We will be having a number of teaching assistants in the department, supporting children in groups or 1:1 in class and out, and providing PPA cover for our teachers to mark and prepare work.

Homework & reading books

We will be purchasing a SPAG homework book for your child, which we will use to set homework from. 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. Each week homework will alternate between SPAG & Maths. Maths homework will be set via the MyMaths online learning platform- we will remind children of login details in the first two weeks. If your child needs help with these, please encourage them to ask their teacher in advance of the deadline - we will be reviewing the work done in class.

Reading books are changed when the children have completed them, and the children will be doing shared reading sessions with the teacher. Children in Y5/6 will be given a school library book at the appropriate level, but if a child wants to bring a book in from home, that is fine; however we would like to encourage children to read a variety of genres and styles of book. We expect children to read independently at home on a regular basis. As well as this we will be reading a class book in ERIS (Everybody Reading In Scargill) every day.

Times Tables

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. Times Tables Rock Stars is perfect for this!

Handwashing

We will be continuing to wash hands on a regular basis to decrease the spread of coronavirus is good hand hygiene. . Please inform your child's class teacher if your child has an allergy to soap or hand gel. If your child needs to use hand cream to prevent sore hands from increased hand washing this can be kept in their tray and self-administered when needed.

PE Kits

Indoor PE; earrings must be removed **not taped**, adults in school are not permitted to assist with this (unless pierced within the last 6 weeks in which case tape is allowed for this period only), pumps, shorts and short sleeved t-shirts must be worn. Outdoor PE – earrings as above, children must bring trainers; In colder weather children may wear jogging suits. We will inform you in September of what days your child will be doing PE, having said this **PE kits should be in school every day as there are time when things change and we may do PE activities on an alternative day.**

We will also be swimming at some point in the year in Year 5 and in Year 6- more details on this to follow.

PENCIL CASES & BAGS

Children do not require their own pencil case, as we will provide them with everything they need. They should not bring any stationary or toys, including fidget toys, from home in to school.

PE kits should be in drawstring bags as these are easiest to hang on pegs. A **flat book bag (not a rucksack)** should be used for reading books and any homework.

Drinks & Snacks

Please provide your child with a named bottle of water. **Please send your child to school with a re-usable plastic water bottle (not metal or glass).** Fresh fruit is the only snack allowed at break times.

NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces.

Keeping in touch

The easiest way to contact any member of the year 5/6 team is by using the department email address y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk . We will also use phone calls, texts, twitter and the school website to keep you informed. If you don't already, please follow us on Twitter @scargillschool!

We hope you find the information useful- please contact the team if you have any questions!

Yours sincerely

Mr. Attenborough

Y5/6 Team leader



School Ready Checklist

- ☒ Wearing school uniform
- ☒ Book bag not rucksack
- ☒ Reading book and reading record
- ☒ No toys or stationery from home
- ☒ Filled water bottle
- ☒ Hair tied back with plain accessories
- ☒ PE kit that fits
- ☒ Coat, sunhat, sun cream
- ☒ Name on everything
- ☒ Fresh fruit for break time snack

Why not stick this up near your door and encourage your child to check it each morning to encourage them to be 'School Ready' independently?