

YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020

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 know it is going to be very different start to the school year and that many of you and your children may be feeling anxious about returning to school for all sorts of reasons. We will have this at the forefront of minds when planning for the new school year and do everything we can to make it a smooth transition. Please do let us know of anything particular that is of concern to you or your child by phone or email.

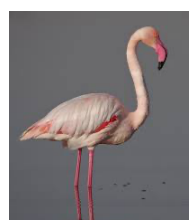
The Y5/6 Team:



Owl Class:
Mr Nelson



Falcon Class:
Mr. Redhead



Flamingo Class
Mon/Tue/Wed: Mrs. Bown Mr. Attenborough
Thur/Fri: Mrs. Benn



Merlin Class

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs. Riley
Mrs. Gresswell
Mrs. Mitchell
Mrs. Hanson

PPA Cover:

Mr Nelson: Wed AM, Mrs. Hanson
Mr. Redhead: Mon AM, Mrs. Hanson
Mrs. Bown / Mrs Benn: Mon/Fri PM, Mrs. Hanson
Mr. Attenborough: Tues PM, Mrs Riley

Homework & reading books

We will be purchasing a Maths & 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. 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.

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!

Reading books

Reading books are changed when the children have completed them, and the children will be doing guided reading sessions 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 to read a variety of genres and styles of book. We expect children to read independently at home also.

Spelling booklets

We will be giving booklets with weekly spellings for the children to learn, with tests on Friday. They have lots of different and helpful ways for the children to practise their spellings in to support their writing.

Handwashing

One of the key ways to decrease the spread of coronavirus is good hand hygiene. With this in mind, children will be washing their hands and using hand sanitiser regularly. 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.**

Drinks & Snacks

Please provide your child with a named bottle of water. **Please do not send disposable water bottles** as we are working hard to reduce waste and would like to encourage the children to use less single use plastic. **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.

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