UKS2 Newsletter Spring Term 2

The Year 5/6 team this year are...

Class Teachers:
Mr Berry
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Foster

Class Assistants:
Mrs Benham
Mr Hill
Mrs Real-Lage

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall
Maidenhead Magpies

Welcome Back!



Our 'Stargazers' topic last term was a real hit with the children and we all had a fantastic time learning about our Solar system.

Thank you to all the children who brought in home learning grid homework - in particular, the amazing models of the sun and planets.

We were all very proud of Dickens class for sharing their class Show assembly with all their parents and then again with the whole school. Well done!



The English text **'Cosmic'** was a particular highlight and we all really enjoyed getting stuck in to the peculiar adventures of Liam and Florida.

Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term 4	28 Feb
World Book Dress Up Day	4 March
Dance Festival (Dickens)	10 March
Fellowship Breakfast	16 March
Morpurgo Festival Assembly	16 March
Visit to Easter Cracked YEAR 6	23 March
HSA Mother's Day Shopping Event	25 March
Easter Service at Bray Church	6 April
End of Term & HSA Easter Egg Hunt	8 April 2.00pm
First Day of Term 4	25 April

Well done to our
Half Termly Achievers

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Key Information

PE Lessons:
PE lessons will continue on the same days as last half term. Dickens class will have their PE lessons on Tuesdays and Fridays Shakespeare's will be on Tuesday and Thursday and Morpurgo's on Tuesday and Thursday. Please help your child remember to wear their full PE kit on the days they have PE.

Snacks:
Please can children bring in a water bottle each day which can be refilled in our classrooms. Please ensure this is labelled along with any snack boxes they bring in. Snacks should be a piece of fruit or vegetable that can be eaten during their break.

Homework:
Homework will be set on a Friday and will be available on Seesaw and Mathletics unless your child requires a hard copy.

Homework is due in the following Wednesday.

A record will be kept of missing homework, we will send reminders on Seesaw and a letter will be sent home if it is repeatedly not done. If there are any problems/queries with the homework this should be highlighted before the hand in date with the class teacher.

Equipment:
Please ensure your child has a simple pencil case with a pencil, ruler, sharpener, rubber, coloured pencils and glue stick. We like to encourage children to have all the resources they will need for most lessons, getting them ready to develop independence. However, we do provide these at school as well.

And also.....
If you have anything that will support our topics please let your child's class teacher know.

Our topic is 'Alchemy Island' - please see overleaf for more details.

Our website is the best source for all the information you need to know and it is regularly updated - so please visit our class page (under the 'Children' tab)

Communication
All class teachers are available if you have any concerns about your child or queries about how to support learning at home. Please do speak to us as a first port of call and we are happy to arrange an appointment with you.

Thank you!
Mr Berry
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Foster

Our Value this term is:

Responsibility

This Half Term



Alchemy Island

It's time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind. We're going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island!

Can you find the gold hidden deep within the Island's mysterious landscape? The only way is to study the map, unravel the riddle and begin your adventure.

On the way, you must do all you can to learn about gold and master the ancient art of alchemy. Be creative and try to impress the Island's team of ace alchemists! Will they praise your scientific expertise?

You've got your map, co-ordinates and everything else you need to make your way across Alchemy Island. Don't forget to pack your imagination.

English:

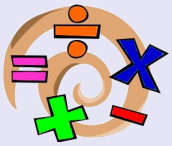


In English this term, our key text will be 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. It tells of how a young boy named Michael mysteriously disappears. Michael finds himself washed up on a beach on a remote island with a bowl of water and some grilled fish next to him. Michael soon realises that he is not alone...

We will read the book as a class and discuss its themes. Our writing, will link to the story and we will explore a range of text types during the term, including: writing a letter, writing a diary, writing a shot story and a non chronological report. We will be teaching grammar through our writing lessons and will be continuing with our statutory spelling dictations.

To help Year 6 prepare for the SATs we will be doing weekly comprehension lessons and extra SPAG sessions.

Mathematics:



The Year 6's will look at measurements, area, perimeter and volume and properties of shapes. We will also begin revisiting what they have previously learnt in preparation for the SATs. The Year 5's will learn about statistics, they will be developing their formal written methods for multiplication and division, as well as investigating area. We are also focussing on times tables and mental arithmetic.

Science:

This term, we will be learning about properties of materials. We will investigate this by finding the most effective way to clean dirty water using a variety of methods. We will also be finding out if all solids dissolve when added to a liquid.

Art and DT:



This term, we will be using our topic Alchemy Island to design and build our very own 3D Island. We will look at the features of an alchemists island and then plan how we will build it using our design and technology skills. We will then progress on to building our 3D Island.

Music:

In music we will be composing several soundtracks to create atmospheres that represent different parts of our key text, Kensuke's Kingdom. We will be using a range of instruments and electronic sounds to do this. We will also be creating our own jingles. As we compose, we learn how to record our compositions down on paper using musical notation.

History and Geography:

In our topic lessons, we will be developing our geographical knowledge, by identifying human and physical features on Alchemy Island. We will also be using co-ordinates to locate places and find buried treasure on the island. To finish our topic lessons we get to be creative and will be drawing our own fantasy maps to scale with human and physical features on them.

MFL:

This term, we will be recapping and learning different sports in Spanish, allowing the children the chance to have conversations using learned vocabulary and using their opinions to say whether or not they like or dislike a sport. This term there will be a focus on understanding and pronunciation of vocabulary.

RE:



We will be using the Understanding Christianity materials to help us answer the question 'What did Jesus do to save human beings?'

Computing:

This term, the children in Year 5/6 will be using a potentially new scheme of learning for Computing. We will be covering the Data Handling unit, where we will be collecting, analysing, evaluating and presenting data and information.

PE:

This term we will be playing invasion games such as tag rugby, hockey, lacrosse and tchouckball. Children will be challenged to think tactically as well as practice and develop the key skills needed for each sport. We will also be working on gymnastics—floor. We will be focusing on floor skills such as balance and rolls with the aim of progressing onto developing routines both individually and in small groups.

PSHE:

In PSHE, our topic this term is fiscal responsibility, which will allow the children to explore their values in relation to found money, the rights and wrongs of keeping such items and the law. We will be using a storyline approach to help explore a range of issues in relation to behaviour and its impact on others.