UKS2 Newsletter Spring Term 1 2022

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

Class Teachers:

Mr Berry
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Mr Butler
Mrs Foster

Class Assistants:

Mrs Benham
Mr Cook
Mr Hill
Mrs Real-Lage

Sports Coach:

Mr Deverall

Welcome Back!

Firstly, welcome back to everyone, we all hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are all well rested for the start of the year. A warm welcome must go to Mr Butler and Mrs Foster who are joining Holyport and the Year 5/6 team as they will be teaching in Shakespeare class.

Last term, was action packed with our topic 'Traders and Raiders' and the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.



We read the book Viking Boy which gave us a great insight into the lives of Vikings and the trials and tribulations of one specific Viking - Gunnar.

The children enjoyed writing letters and diary entries and role playing some of the key events from the story. The children also enjoyed making Viking long ships—due to the Covid outbreak many of these were completed as remote learning—to a very high standard.

Another highlight was Morpurgo's show assembly. The children presented information they had learnt, to the rest of year 5/6 in a variety of different fun and interesting ways. Well done to Morpurgo class.

Key Dates To Remember This Term

INSET Day	**04/01/2022**
First Day of Term	**05/01/2022**
Dicken's Show Assembly	**09/02/2022**
End of Term at 3.15pm	**18/02/2022**
First Day of Term 3	**28/02/2022**

Half Termly Achievers

Ophelia
Charlie
Olivia

Well done!

Key Information

PE Lessons:

For the Spring Term the days for PE are: Dickens class will have their PE lessons on Tuesday and Friday, 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 unless your child requires a hard copy.

Homework is due in the following Wednesday.

A record will be kept of missing homework 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.

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, helping them to develop independence. However, we can 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 'Stargazers' - looking at our planet as part of the solar system, 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
Mr Butler
Mrs Foster

Our Value this term is:

TRUST

This Half Term

Stargazers

Journey through space, the final frontier…
Navigate beyond the Sun: the magnificent, blazing star at the centre of our Solar System!
Investigate the planets - Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.
Take a look at the Moon, a celestial body that orbits the Earth.
Exploring space is probably the greatest adventure that human kind has ever undertaken.

So it's THREE, TWO, ONE…
BLAST OFF!

English:



In English this term, our key text will be 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell Boyce.
This humorous adventure is seen through the eyes of twelve year old Liam Digby a 'gifted and talented' child whose physical appearance ages him beyond his years. Spin into space with Liam and his friend, Florida Kirby, as they explore the ups and downs of being a parent and the consequences of a 'little white lie'. 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: composing an email, writing a newspaper report, designing a leaflet and writing an argument. We will be teaching grammar and spelling both outside and within our writing lessons.

Mathematics:



In Mathematics this term we will be continuing our work with proportions—by learning more about decimals and percentages. We will be making links between these two areas and the work the children have already completed on fractions. Year 6 will then move onto learn more about algebra whilst Year 5 continue to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills with fractions. We are continuing to use our gap analysis approach to identify and address areas in the curriculum that have been taught and need to be revisited.

Science:



This is a science rich topic so here is just a taster of what we will be doing: We will be learning about Earth and Space. We will be describing the movement of the Earth, moon and other planets relative to the sun in our solar system. We will be using the idea of the Earth's rotations to explain day and night and learning more about gravity. This subject lends itself to investigative work so we are looking forward to undertaking a range of experiments!

RE:

We will be using the Understanding Christianity materials to help is answer the question "Does the community of the Mosque help Muslims lead better lives?" We will be looking at the role of the Mosque and other places of worship in the local community.

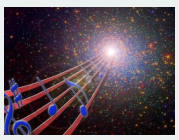
Art and DT:



This term, we will be using our topic of space to develop our artistic techniques. We will look at the abstract artist Peter Thorpe and use his work and techniques to inspire some of our own artwork.

We will also be developing our skills using stencils and oil and chalk pastels to create effective solar system pictures.

Music:



In music we will be listening to a range of music inspired by space, ranging from classical to pop. After analysing the music, we will then create our own space music using ostinatos and layering to build our compositions.

History and Geography:

In our topic lessons, we will be delving back into the past to find out about Galileo Galilei and his discoveries and find out about Sir Isaac Newton. We will learn about the Space Race between the USA and USSR and look at aerial maps of the Earth, identifying geographical features.

MFL:

We will be recapping previous learned vocabulary, including shapes and colours. We will be practicing the four key skills of Modern Foreign language learning: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Computing:



In computing, we will continue to develop our digital animation skills. We will be using a 3D modeling tool to learn, plan and create different 3D models linking around our topic of Stargazers. We will also be using our Computing skills to research our topic.

PE:

This term, each class will be taking part in gymnastics - apparatus and ball skills.

Dickens class will also be taking part in the Dance Festival, so will have regular practice lessons.



PSHE:

In PSHE, our topic this term is drugs, including alcohol and tobacco. We will take part in a number of lessons to help us understand what drugs are, the dangers of drugs, the law on drugs and we will be addressing any misconceptions which surround drugs.