UKS2 Newsletter Autumn 2021

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

Class Teachers:
Mr Berry
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Miss Prothero

Teaching Assistants:
Mrs Benham
Mr Hill
Mrs Real-Lage
Mr Cook

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term	02/09/2021
Bikeability	Year 5
	Year 6
INSET Day	Friday 22/10/21
Half Term	25/10/21
First Day of Term 2	01/11/21

Half Termly Achievers

This box will host the names of a child from each class who has notably high participation and effort during the previous half term. It will give us an opportunity to celebrate their achievements with everyone in the school.

Welcome Back!

We hope the children have had a well-earned summer break; we will be working full steam ahead with a busy curriculum this term.

Learning will continue to be consolidated throughout each area of the curriculum with a clear focus on helping the children to achieve their potential.

Meet The Team

Shakespeare class will be taught by Miss Prothero, Dickens by Mrs Gresswell and Mrs Bicker and Morpurgo by Mr Berry.

Mr Hill, Mrs Benham, Mr Cook and Mrs Real-Lage, will be supporting Years 5/6 during the day.

We look forward to welcoming you into our classrooms and enjoying a productive year filled with exciting topics!

Key Information

PE Lessons:

This term, 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. This MUST be 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 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 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 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)

Our first topic is 'Beast Creator' - please see overleaf for more details.

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 or email parents@holyportprimaryschool.co.uk and the office will forward this to us. We are happy to arrange an appointment with you.

Thank you!

Miss Prothero
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Mr Berry

This Half Term

Beast Creator

A bug, a creepy-crawly, a beast! He'll tickle your skin then go in for the sting!

Arachnids, invertebrates, molluscs and myriapods, hiding in nooks and beneath darkened rocks…

Come search for these mini-beasts, and let's sort them out! Let's build a love of all things small that creep, crawl and wiggle!!



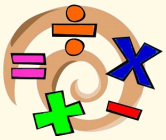
Literacy:

In English this term, **our key text will be 'Beetle Boy' by M.G. Leonard**. We will read the book as a class and discuss its themes as we go along. Our writing, will link to the story and the characters and we will explore a range of text types during the term. We will be teaching grammar through our writing lessons. Throughout the weeks, we will be focusing on the requirements they need to meet or exceed end of year expectation, polishing/editing work effectively for impact.



Mathematics:

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value for the first two weeks. We will then move onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Our aim is to have all pupils fluent in the use of the four operations so they are confident to apply their knowledge in problem solving situations. We will be continuing with the Maths Mastery approach this year looking at fluency questions and then moving the children on to reasoning and problem solving questions. We will be particularly working on children's explanations of the mathematics they are doing.



Science:

Our science topic this term is **living things and their habitats.** We will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird. We will learn about the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. We will discuss our local environment and look at how we can protect it.

RE:

Our big questions in RE this term are '**Do Muslims need the Qur'an?'** and '**Do Sikhs need the Guru Granth Sahib?'** We will be using a variety of resources throughout the term to help us answer these questions.

Art and DT:

This term, our Art and DT will link very closely to our beast creator topic. We will start the term by studying mini beasts and sketching detailed drawings of them. Next, we will design and make our own 3D Mini-beasts. Finally, we will evaluate our work.

Music:

In music we will start by listening to pieces of music inspired by insects and the noises they make. We will then focus on learning and creating our own rhythmic patterns with the aid of a plastic cup! If you have a hard plastic cup that your child could bring in for this half term that would be great.

History and Geography:

We will be using our map work skills this term to locate where mini-beasts live both in our school grounds and around the world. We will also investigate how the environment supports a creature's needs and how creatures have adapted to suit the habitat.

MFL:

We will be developing our knowledge of Spanish speaking countries and their locations in the world, as well as the cultural aspects.

We will also be recapping Spanish greetings, like 'hola, buenas noches, buenas tardes' and developing our understanding of classroom instructions.

Computing:

Computing will be used this term to research and find information related to our topic, Beast Creator, using PowerPoint to share our findings. We will also be creating small flow diagrams using SmartArt on Word.



PE:



Children will be taking part in **athletics and netball lessons.** In netball, we will be developing their understanding of the rules and positions of netball, and will be challenged to think tactically when both attacking and defending. In athletics, children will be taught the rules and techniques for many different events and be given individual targets to reach.

PSHE:



In PSHE, our topic this term is safety education and child protection. We will be learning about road safety, bicycle safety and safety in the home. This term we will also be nominating and electing our new class and school representatives. We will explore democracy as we do this.