UKS2 Newsletter Autumn 2020

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

Class Teachers:
Miss Athwal
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Miss Prothero

Class Assistants:
Mrs Barnard
Mr Hill
Mrs Lake
Mrs Thomas

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term	2/11/2020
School photographer	11/11/2020
Anti-Bullying Week	w/c 16/11/2020
Nasal Flu Vaccinations	3/12/2020
Last Day of Term 2pm	18/12/2020
Inset Day	4/1/2021
First Day of Term	5/1/2021

Half Termly Achievers

Well done to our three Half Termly Achievers

Annabel - Shakespeare

Ellie - Morpurgo

Kayan - Dickens

Great work children!

Last Term!

We had an action packed Autumn 1. Our topic 'War Child' was very enjoyable and the children threw themselves into learning about WW2. A particular highlight was our WW2 day where the children dressed up in WW2 costumes, made propaganda posters, took part in a 'make do and mend' session and created some camouflage soldier art. The children also made some wonderful air raid shelters in DT last term. They thought carefully about their designs and included lots of important features.







Key Information

Our website is the best source for all the information you need to know and it is regularly updated - so please visit it often!

PE Lessons:

This term, Dickens class will have their PE lessons on a Wednesday and Friday, Shakespeare's and Morpugo's will be on Monday and Thursday. This term, please can the children continue to come into school in their full PE kits on their PE days.

Snacks:

Please can children bring in a named water bottle each day which can be refilled in our classrooms. Children are allowed to bring a snack which they can eat at break time. Snacks should be a piece of fruit or vegetable.

Homework & Spellings:

Homework will be set on a Friday and will be a piece of English and Maths. Please upload completed homework onto Seesaw. Homework is due in the following Wednesday. A record will be kept of missing homework - any problems/queries with the homework should be highlighted before the hand in date.

And also.....

Normally we would encourage children to bring in resources to enhance their learning but unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to accept anything. Please take a photo and post it to us on Seesaw. We can then share it with the class that way.

Communication

All class teachers are available if you have any concerns about your child or queries about how to support learning at home. Due to the current situation please do speak to us to arrange an outside appointment.

Thank you!

Miss Athwal

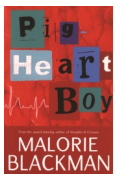
Mrs Bicker

Mrs Gresswell

Miss Prothero

This Half Term

Crimson, scarlet, burgundy, cherry blood flows through our bodies in all its vibrant shades of red. Let's explore our circulation system! Now surgeons, don't be squeamish as we dissect an animal heart and examine the veins, arteries and chambers up close. They all work hard to move blood around our bodies. Hearts pound, flutter and maybe skip a beat. What makes your heart race? Is it a secret? Cross my heart, I won't tell!



Literacy: This term we will be reading the book 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. We will use the text to help stimulate writing. We will begin by writing a persuasive letter and move on to writing a balanced argument, a newspaper report, an information text and a letter.

Mathematics:



In Mathematics in Year 6 we will be focusing on fractions for the first 4 weeks. We will be looking at simplifying, comparing and ordering fractions, as well as using fractions with the four operations. We will learn about the order of operations, then towards the end of end the term, we will look at co-ordinates, translation and reflection.
In mathematics in Year 5 we will be revising work done on the four operations and place value. We will also be working on fractions for the majority of the term. We will be comparing fractions, finding equivalent fractions. Towards the end of the unit we will be adding, subtracting and multiplying fractions.

Science:
As our topic focus is science based, we will be focusing on the human circulatory system and understanding more about our own body and how it works. We will be measuring heart rate, we will look at the history of blood groups and also the impact of lifestyle on how our system works. We will also be doing some investigations.

RE:
Our topic this term is 'Incarnation'. The key question being: 'Is God Made Man' a good way to understand the Christmas Story? We will look at stories in the Bible and how this concept links to the Christmas story and Christian celebrations.

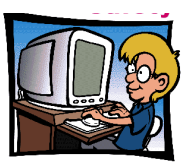
Art and DT:
We will begin by sketching images of the heart. Using these images, we shall then be making 3D models of the heart using red and blue plasticine. We will also be making some abstract artwork inspired by the heart, using inks/paints.

Music:
Music will focus on body percussion, linking in with the rhythms of our heart beats. We will also be creating raps around the theme of hearts. To finish with, we will listen and analyse a variety of Christmas music and songs. Unfortunately, we are unable to sing in school at the moment, please look out for the music activities on the home-learning grid.

History and Geography:
We will be looking at the history of how the circulatory system was discovered. We will also be ordering key events in the development of heart-transplants.

MFL:
We will continue to recap the vocabulary and topics that the children have been learning in previous years to consolidate their understanding.
This term we will be looking at the days of the week, months of the year and numbers. We will be making sure we can say the date correctly in Spanish. We will also recap on greetings, asking somebody their name and understanding classroom instructions.

Computing:
During this half term we will be looking at coding and programming using language related to position and direction.



PE:
This term, each class will be taking part in hockey and tennis lessons. The lessons will be taught by Mr Deverall, Mr Vaughan from Maidenhead Magpies and the class teachers.



PSHE:
In PSHE, our focus is first aid. We will be looking at basic Life support, bleeds and what to do in an emergency.

