UKS2 Newsletter Spring 2020

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

Class Teachers:
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Paldi
Miss Prothero

Class Assistants:
Mr Hill
Mrs Lake
Mrs Muzzio
Mrs Thomas

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term	24th Feb
Holyport Book Week	WC: 2nd March
World Book Day	5th March
Parent Consultation Meetings	9th March 11th March
Dickens Class Assembly	11th March
Mosque Trip	17th March
Scholastic Book Fair	17-20 Mar
Easter Service at St Michael's	2nd April
End of Term	3rd April 2.00pm
First Day of Term 5	20th April

Well done to our Half Termly Achievers!

Dylan, Harris, Poppy B

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 at the Dance Festival and they performed their waltz with expression and dynamics. 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.



Another highlight was Morpurgo's show assembly. The children presented information they had learned about space, to the rest of the school, in a variety of different fun and interesting ways. Well done to Morpurgo class!

Key Information

PE Lessons:

This term, Dickens class will have their PE lessons on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Shakespeare's will be on Mondays and Thursdays and Morpugo's on Mondays and Thursdays. Please help your child remember to bring in their PE kit on Monday. This can then stay in school for the week and be taken home on Friday for washing.

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 our Year group page unless your child requires a hard copy.

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.

Equipment:

Please ensure your child has a pencil case with a pencil, ruler, sharpener, rubber 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.

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.

Bump/Minor Injuries

If your child should have a bump or minor injury we are aware of and have administered first aid to during school time they will receive a slip in their book bag or rucksack to go home to inform you.

If the incident is more serious then we will give you a phone call to inform you. Please check your child's book bag and keep your contact details up to date with us.

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.

Thank you!

Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Paldi
Miss Prothero

Our Value this term is:

Friendship

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.

Got your suitcases ready? Then let the journey begin!

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 which will be in Year groups.

Mathematics:
In Mathematics, we will continue to split the children and teach in Year groups.

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 perimeter and 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.

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

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:
Using our new digital language resource, LanguageNut we will be learning about 'Where I live' and learning vocabulary so we can talk about where we live. We will be practicing the four key skills of Modern Foreign language learning: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Computing:
In computing, we will be using Scratch which allows users to create and share their own interactive stories, animations and games. Using this programme will encourage children to learn to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically.

PE:
This term, each class will be taking part in apparatus gymnastics and hockey. Shakespeare and Morpurgo will have PE on Monday and Thursdays and these lessons will be taught by Mr Deverall. This term, Dickens will be taught by Mrs Gresswell on a Tuesday and PE on a Wednesday will be taught by Mr Deverall.

PSHE:
In PSHE, our topic this term is diversity and multiculturalism. We will begin by understanding what freedom is and what rights we have. We will then progress onto learning about slavery and the abolition of slavery before studying Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King and what they did for the Civil Rights Movement.