UKS2 Newsletter Spring 2020

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

Class Teachers:
Mrs Bicker
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Paldi
Miss Prothero

Class Assistants:
Mrs Benham
Mr Hill
Mrs Lake
Mrs Muzzio

Sports Coach:
Mr Deverall

Key Dates To Remember This Term

First Day of Term	07/01/2020
National Tests Meeting for Parents	16/01/2020
HSA Movie Night	24/01/2020
HSA Bingo Night	7/02/2020
End of Term	14/02/2020
First Day of Term 4	24/02/2020

Well done to our Half Termly Achievers!

Freida, Lucy and Muskan

Welcome Back!

Firstly, welcome back to everyone and we all hope that you had a wonderful Christmas break and are all well rested for the start of the year. A big welcome must go to Mrs Bicker who is joining Holyport as Deputy Head Teacher and the Year 5/6 team and she will be teaching in Morpurgo class.



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

A particular highlight was our trip to Ufton Court. The children enjoyed learning about the vicious Viking and the way they fought and explored.





Another highlight was Shakespeare's show assembly. The children presented information they had learnt, to the rest of the school, in a variety of different fun and interesting ways. Well done to Shakespeare 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 'Stargazers' - please see overleaf for more details.

Thank you!

Miss Prothero
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Paldi
Mrs Bicker

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, Neptune and Pluto. 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 through our writing lessons and we will be having separate spelling and reading lessons.

Mathematics:
In Mathematics, we will start the term continuing with our work with fractions.

We will then be moving onto decimals and percentages. In this block, children will build on their previous knowledge of how to round, order and compare decimals before moving on to understanding percentages. We will look at percentages as fractions and decimals, finding equivalences and finding percentages of amounts.

The Year 6's will also cover ratio and algebra in this term.

Science:
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 and we will be using the idea of the Earth's rotations to explain day and night.



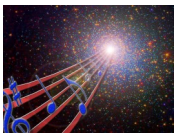
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We will be using the Understanding Christianity materials to help is answer the question "Does the community of the Mosque help Muslims lead better lives?" We will be looking at the role of the Mosque and other places of worship in the local community.

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.



To compliment our science, in art, we will also be using the technique of printing to help us fully understand the phases of the moon.

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.

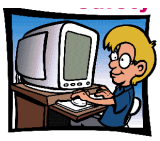


History and Geography:
In our topic lessons, we will be delving back into the past to find out about Galileo Galilei and his discoveries and find out about Sir Isaac Newton. We will learn about the space race between the USA and USSR and look at aerial maps of the Earth, identifying geographical features.



MFL:
Using our new digital language resource, LanguageNut we will be learning more about food and mealtimes. 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 refine the details of our animations, add backgrounds and evaluate our work. We will also learn how to programme and debug using scratch.



PE:
This term, each class will be taking part in gymnastics and netball. 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 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.