UKS2 Newsletter Autumn 2019

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

Class Teachers:
Mrs Cobb
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	04/11/2019
School Photos	13/11/19
Flu Immunisation	14/11/19
Poetry Week	18/11/19 -
Poet Visit - James Carter	19/11/19
Scholastics Book Fair	19/11/19 - 22/11/19
Mufti Day for HSA Christmas Fair	22/11/19
Shakespeare Show Assembly	27/11/19
HSA Christmas Fair	29/11/19
Ufton Court Trip	16/12/19
Christmas Service	19/12/19
End of Term	20/12/19
First Day of Term 2	06/01/20

Half Termly Achievers

Arthur, Jakob and Sophie
Well done!

Welcome Back!

Last term, was action packed with our enjoyable topic 'Beast Creator' and the children threw themselves into learning about creepy crawlies. A particular highlight was our book 'Beetle Boy'. The children were hooked throughout and a number of children have continued to read the next book in the series, 'Beetle Queen'. Another highlight was the 'Cup Song' which the children have enjoyed learning and performing at any opportunity!



Year 6 had a fantastic time at Manor Adventure. The children were all brilliant and a number of fears were conquered.



To those families who celebrated it, we hope you had a Happy Diwali during the holidays.

Year 5 also enjoyed a dragon themed week. They produced some fantastic artwork and descriptive writing about their own dragons, as well as creating dragon and mathematics themed board games.

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 'Traders and Raiders' - please see overleaf for more details.

Thank you!

Mrs Cobb
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Paldi
Miss Prothero

Our Value this term is:

RESPECT

This Half Term



Traders and Raiders

Big and strong, powerful and brave, the Saxons wave their battle axes and brandish their swords as they begin to invade Britain's shores.

Sail back to the Dark Ages, where battles were rife and fear reigned. Find out about the life of the Saxons, including how they lived and where they came from. Meet the bloodthirsty Vikings from Scandinavia - never before has such terror swept the land.

Are you ready to shine a light on the dangerous and deadly Dark Ages...?

English:



In English this term, our key text will be 'Viking Boy' by Tony Bradman. 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: letters, explanation texts, recounts and play scripts. We will be teaching grammar through our writing lessons and we will be having separate spelling and reading lessons. We will be linking poetry week to our topic on Traders and Raiders.

Mathematics:



In Mathematics, we will start the term continuing with our work on the four calculations. We will then be moving onto fractions. In this block, children will build on their previous knowledge of what a fraction is. Y5 look at using multiplication and division to find equivalent fractions whilst Y6 apply these skills to start to simplify fractions.

Both year groups add and subtract fractions with the same denominators that are multiples of the same number whilst Y6 move onto adding and subtracting fractions where the denominators are not multiples of the same number. Both year groups multiply fractions by integers, with Y6 then moving on to multiply a fraction by a fraction. Y6 also explore dividing fractions and draw their learning together by using any of the four operations with fractions.

Science:
We will be looking at properties and changes of materials with a focus on working scientifically. This will involve: practical experiments, making predictions using our scientific knowledge, drawing conclusions and evaluating our work.

RE:
We will be using the Understanding Christianity materials to help is answer the question "What kind of King is Jesus?" We will use songs and Bible stories to discuss this question thinking about the role of a king and how this relates to Jesus.

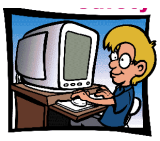
Art and DT:
This term, our Art and DT will focus on Viking long ships. We will begin the term exploring the history of long ships and look closely at a model of a long ship. We will then plan, build and evaluate our own Viking long ships.

Music:
In Music this term we will be listening to and singing the nursery rhyme 'When Good King Arthur Ruled the Land'. We will also be learning other songs about the Vikings thinking about skills needed for a good performance. Furthermore, we will writing our own lyrics to a Viking tune and creating a simple rhythmic accompaniment to match.

History and Geography:
In our topic lessons, we will be finding out in more detail who the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings were and will research about their daily life. We will be developing our mapwork skills to identify where these traders and raiders came from and where they invaded and settled in Britain. In addition to this, we will be learning about key dates in this time period and placing them on a timeline. We will also be delving into what Viking beliefs were about and death and the afterlife and find out why Alfred the Great is significant.

MFL:
Using our new digital language resource, LanguageNut we will be learning some useful phrases. We will learn how to ask some questions, look at opposites, connecting words, talking about the future and explaining that you don't understand. We will be practicing the four key skills of Modern Foreign language learning: reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Computing:



Children will be using Pivot Animator to create 2D animations made up of individual frames which are then added to a timeline. It is an intuitive piece of software but attention to detail is key. It is a chance to use creative thinking skills as well as problem solving

PE:
This term, each class will be taking part in Lacrosse and dance. Shakespeare and Morpurgo will have PE on Monday and Thursdays and these lessons will be taught by Mr Deverall. This term, Dickens will have Jane Douglas teaching dance to them on a Tuesday. PE on a Wednesday will be taught by Mr Deverall.



PSHE:
In PSHE, our topic this term is Anti-bullying. We will take part in a number of lessons to help us understand bullying. We will be having a specific focus during Anti-bullying week which has the theme 'Change starts with US' and this will take place from the 11th to the 15th November.

