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	05/09/2019
Compulsory Manor Adventure	16/09/19
Manor Adventure	7/10/19—11/10/19
Half Term	24/10/19
First Day of Term 2	4/11/19

Half Termly Achievers

This box will host the names of a child from each class who has notably worked hard 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 Paldi and Morpurgo by Mrs Cobb.

Mrs Lake, Mr Hill, Mrs Benham and Mrs Muzzio, and Mrs Thomas 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 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.

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.

Snacks:

Please can children bring in a water bottle each day which can be refilled in our classrooms. This should 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.

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.

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)

And also.....

If you have anything that will support our topics please let your child's class teacher know.
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 and we are happy to arrange an appointment with you.

Thank you!
Mrs Cobb
Mrs Gresswell
Mrs Paldi
Miss Prothero

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!
But I know an old lady who swallowed a fly. I don't know why she swallowed a fly… perhaps she'll die?



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 Mathematics, the pupils will work within their own classes and all work will be differentiated for your child's ability and year group. We will be focusing on place value for two weeks. We will then move onto addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. 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:
This term, we will be revising key vocabulary and phrases.

This will enable the children to hold short conversations in Spanish confidently.

Computing:
Children will be using the computers to learn how to research information related to the topic and then will use a variety of programmes to present the information.



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



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.

