

Year Five & Six Newsletter

Autumn Term 2023

Welcome back to a new school year and especially to Year 5 and 6. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to an action packed Autumn term!

These are just a few notices and reminders to help get the term off to a smooth start.

Key Dates:

29th September—React Science Trip—Cleator Moor Civic Hall

Week beginning 16th October—Parent's evenings

Week beginning 30th October—Structured conversation meetings

11th December—Christmas Performance (times to be confirmed)

12th December Christmas Trip—The Little Princess—Theatre by the Lake

In addition to this, we would like to invite you to our class 'Open Afternoon on:

Friday 17th November 2:30-3:10pm (lasting approximately 40 minutes) where we can take the opportunity to share and celebrate the children's' achievements and successes from across the term.

Homework

Your child has been issued with a reading book and a reading record journal this week - so please double check that they have brought them home. We strongly encourage your child to be reading at home through 'Strive for 5' for approximately 20 minutes in order to help reach the Year 5 and 6 expectations. If your child reads 5 times (or more) in a week they will be awarded a reading raffle ticket which will be entered into the reading raffle draw. Please take the opportunity to listen to your child read daily (where appropriate) and sign their reading record journal weekly. This book needs to be brought into School on Monday to be checked. To develop children's Maths skills, we want children to complete 2 Mathematics activities (one will be linked to their Maths topic in class from that week's learning and one related to another area of the Maths curriculum). Those children who complete their Mathematics activity weekly will be awarded a Maths raffle ticket which will also be entered into the maths raffle draw. In addition to this your child will also complete a Topic related homework task each half term—this will be set on Seesaw. Those children in Years 5 & 6 who complete their weekly homework, and bring it in on time, will be rewarded with an afternoon reward break that week.

KS2 SAT's

The SATs take place on the week beginning 13th May. The Y6 children will be tested on reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spellings, maths arithmetic and maths reasoning.

If anyone would like to become more involved in our class -listening to readers or helping with art and design projects and School trips please let us know.

What we will be learning this term?

Our topic this term is:

A Grand American Adventure

A Grand American Adventure begins as a Geography based topic where children will have the opportunity to investigate the geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography as they trek through North America. As part of History they will stop and explore Mexico and learn about the Ancient Maya civilization. In Art and Design children will improve their mastery of **PRINTING** taking inspiration from North America. In Design and Technology they will investigate Maya inventions.

Science—Biology – Living things and their habitats

Pupils will be taught to:

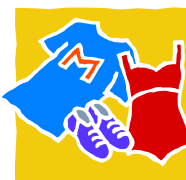
- Describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird
- Describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Science—Physics – Light

Pupils will be taught to:

- recognise that light appears to travel in straight lines;
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain that objects are seen because they give out or reflect light into the eye;
- explain that we see things because light travels from light sources to our eyes or from light sources to objects and then to our eyes;
- use the idea that light travels in straight lines to explain why shadows have the same shape as the objects that cast them.

PE Kits



All children require a P.E kit. This should be kept in School all week, enabling us to be more flexible with hall times and outdoor PE. Year 6 will have PE on a Monday afternoon for 5 weeks beginning 11th September. They will need to bring their swimming costumes/shorts and a towel.

P.E for Year 5 will be Volleyball on Monday afternoon and Athletics on Thursday afternoon.

Please note the P.E kit is as follows: shorts, t-shirt and trainers including socks if your child wears tights (pumps are not adequate in Y5/6 due to the nature of games).

Our Staff

Mrs Airey—Class Teacher

Mrs Smith—Class Teacher

Mrs Webb—Class Teacher

Mrs Warden—Teaching Assistant

As always if you have any questions or concerns and wish to speak to a member of the Year 5 and 6 team then please come in for a chat. Thanks again for all your support.

Mrs Airey, Mrs Smith, Mrs Webb and Mrs Warden