

Upper Key Stage 2 – September 2022

Hello – We hope this email finds you all well.

We would like to start by saying how brilliantly our Y5/6 children have settled back into school. They have arrived each day with smiles on their faces and have had a super attitude towards learning. It really is a pleasure to teach them each day.

Autumn term curriculum:

This term, our topic is **WW2**. This is a history-based topic, although there will also be plenty of opportunities to link in other curriculum areas such as geography. We will be learning about The Battle of Britain in particular and why it was a key turning point during WW2. We will also focus on the key countries involved as well as their leaders. Our **Science** focus will be on Forces, thinking about gravity and friction and considering their effects.

In **Art**, we will learn about **Pointillism** – a style of painting from the post-impressionist movement. We will explore works by **George Seurat** and **Paul Signac**, leading to creating our own pieces of pointillism art.

DT will link with our history topic as we investigate **structures**, designing and making our very own Anderson Shelter prototypes.

During **RE** lessons, children will consider the question **Why do some people believe a god exists?** We will have many discussions around further questions such as ‘How many people believe in a god?’ and ‘Is God real? What do Christians think?’ It is always interesting to hear the range of views that children have.

All classes have their **PE** sessions on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Thank you for reminding your children to arrive at school in their PE kits on these days. As the weather begins to turn cooler, it may be sensible to wear joggers/ tracksuit bottoms rather than shorts, as children will be in these all day.

We have chatted in depth with the children about weekly homework expectations which are as follows:

TTRS – This should be completed weekly with 10 minutes in the Studio and 10 minutes in the Garage. TTRS runs from Friday to Friday.

Read Theory - Children should complete 1 quiz each week up until half-term. After this, it will increase to 2 sessions per week.

Spellings – Spelling lists will run in 3-week cycles and children will be tested weekly.

Reading – Children should read for at least 20 minutes per day and use the ‘Go Read’ app to record what they have read.

Retrieval quiz – A weekly retrieval quiz will be set via Teams. There will be a slight delay in sending these out whilst our new class teams are set up.

We are taking a staggered approach to homework which will allow children to familiarise themselves a week at a time.

Just a quick reminder about suitable snacks for breaktime. Children may bring plain biscuits, fruit, fruit-based snacks, cereal bars (no nuts), plain rice cakes, cheese strings or frubes (yogurt). Children should ensure that they are not bringing chocolate, any biscuits or cereal bars that contain or are covered in chocolate, crisps, cakes, sausage rolls, pork pies, pasties or pastries such as pain au chocolate/croissant. Thank you for your support with this.

We’d like to finish with some exciting news and big congratulations to Mrs English who is expecting a baby!

Thanks again and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to either email or pop in to see the class teacher.

Miss Johnson

Mrs English

Mrs Raine