

Year 5-6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2017
First Half-Term

KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF-TERM

Mon 11th Sep @5pm

Y5-6 Welcome Meeting

Tues 12th Sep

Author Visit

Fri 29th Sep

Macmillan Coffee Morning
(Dress in Green!)

Tues 3rd October

Y5-6 NSPCC Workshops

Fri 13th Oct

The Big Draw

Tues 17th/Wed 18th Oct

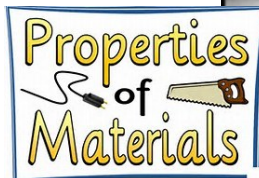
Parents' Evening

Fri 20th Oct

School Photos (Individual)

The Fun Starts Here!

The new Year 5-6 Team hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable Summer Holiday. The children should all be refreshed and ready for a new school year! The Autumn term is always a busy one, getting to know new routines. We have some very exciting things planned for this term!



In Year 5 our topic will be World War One. We will be finding out about: why the war began; the role of women during the war; life on the front line and how the war ended. In English we will learn about wartime poetry and in Art we will look into the work of Paul Nash. In Science, Year 5 will be exploring the properties of materials, investigating reversible and irreversible changes as well as learning about conductors and insulators.

In Year 6 our topic will be the Vikings and the struggle for the kingdom of England, up to the death of Edward the Confessor. We will be finding out about the conflict between Anglo-Saxon kingdoms and how the Vikings influenced the establishment of England as a kingdom. In Science, we will be exploring evolution and inheritance, studying the DNA and genetics work of Charles Darwin.



Reading books and Home Reading Diaries must be in school every day. Dojo Points will be removed from those pupils missing diaries and / or reading books.



The Year 5-6 Welcome Meeting will take place on Monday 11th September 2017 at 5.00 pm. in the school hall. We hope you will be able to join us and look forward to meeting everyone.

ROUTINE INFORMATION

Please make sure children have a bag with them every day to transport reading books and information between home and school.

PE

Appropriate PE kit includes: Navy shorts, a royal-blue Redesdale t-shirt, separate trainers (not school shoes or sand-shoes). Navy tracksuit bottoms are suitable for outdoor PE during colder weather.

6S - PE Mon pm

5A - PE Thurs pm

Home Learning

Dojo Points are earned for completion of home learning. Dojo points are removed for missed deadlines / incomplete home learning. This includes:

- Reading - Dojo points are earned depending on the amount / frequency of reading over the course of the week. All reading must be recorded in pupil home reading diaries. Dojo points are removed if no reading evidence is recorded over the course of the week.
- Spelling Logs are handed out on a Monday morning and must be returned on Friday. Activities are completed each night to ensure frequent and short learning takes place. The weekly spelling test will be completed on a Friday.
- Topic Home Learning - see individual grids for home learning choices and deadlines. The Autumn Term topic home learning grids will be handed out on Monday 11th September.

