



Year 5-6 Newsletter

Autumn Term

First Half-Term

KEY DATES FOR THIS HALF-TERM

Fri 21st September

(AM) Y6 Trip—Live Tales @ Live Theatre 8.45am Meet @ Reception

(PM) Gibber Theatre Company—Super Splash Heroes (Water conservation)

Wed 26th September

Y5 Trip to Wallsend Park (School Uniform needed)

Macmillan Coffee Morning (parents)

Macmillan fundraising (non-uniform)

Wed 17th October

Nasal Flu immunisation (Y5 only)

Friday 19th October

School photos (Individual)

Mon 22nd October

Halloween Disco Y5-6 @ 5-6pm

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 unit of study 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 unit of study 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.

ROUTINE INFORMATION



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

Mr Shackleton and Miss Anderson are busy working on a Y5-6 Reading Challenge which will be displayed in the Y5-6 corridor.

School Uniform is grey trousers, knee length skirt/pinafore or shorts with a white polo shirt and royal blue jumper or cardigan. **No leggings should be worn.** Shoes should be all black or navy.

We are in the process of purchasing a number of high quality and recommended texts that we will challenge the pupils to complete throughout their time in Y5-6.

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.
- Unit of Study Home Learning - see individual grids for home learning choices and deadlines.