

Year 5-6 Newsletter

Spring 1 2019

KEY DATES

13.2.19 Valentines disco
5.00-6.00pm KS2

15.2.19 Goalden shot
(wear sporty clothes)

Parents evening Tuesday
5th March & Wednesday 6th
March 2019

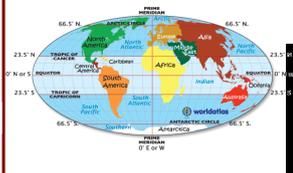
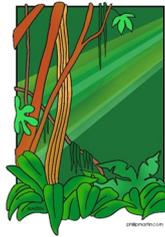
The Year 5-6 Team hope you all had a brilliant Christmas and New Year and have come back to school fighting fit and ready to work extra hard this half term.

Year 5 will be learning about **Ancient Greece** in History, discovering how this great civilization shaped the world. In Geography, we will be exploring **Rainforests** around the world, discovering a weird and wonderful ecosystem brimming with unique life. In Science we will be exploring aspects of **Earth and Space**.

Year 6 will be exploring about **Extreme Earth** in Geography, looking at some of the earth's most amazing places. In History, we will be studying **Polar Explorers** finding out about the Golden Age of Exploration. In Science we will be exploring the **human body**, focusing on the circulatory system, the heart functions and investigating the **impact of diet and exercise**.

Knowledge Organisers

This half-term we will be using knowledge organisers in History and Geography to help with pupil recall of key facts, dates, timelines and vocabulary associated with their Units of Study. Our new Home Learning will link to the information on the knowledge organisers and will be based around: Researching; organizing; rehearsing and presenting.



As we return to school, the weather is still very cold. Please could you ensure your child has a warm and weather-proof coat in school with them every day. In addition to this we would encourage all children to have a water bottle with them every day in order to keep them hydrated.

ROUTINE INFORMATION

PE Kits are needed each **Monday** for **Y6** and **Friday** for **Y5**. Appropriate PE kit includes: Navy shorts, blue t-shirt and trainers (not their school shoes).

Spelling - We recommend the children spend 5 mins per night learning their spellings and completing the activities in their log on a: Mon; Tues; Wed & Thurs night. Our spelling Test is carried out every Friday and recorded in our home-school diaries. Please ensure diaries are in school with them every day.

Maths - Using the Times Table Rockstars app, all children should spend some time each night practising their table facts. Having automatic recall (within 6 seconds) of all times tables facts up to 12 x 12 is expected by the end of Year 4 and Times Table Rockstars allows staff to monitor and check the progress of all pupils towards this goal. Multiplication and division facts are an essential building block of mathematical success. The use of Sumdog is also recommended.

Reading - We encourage all children to read their Home Reading books regularly and record the evidence in their home-school diaries. Once finished, this should be recorded in the diary and signed by an adult at home. The book can then be changed and Reading Rocks Points awarded. We expect pupils to read as often as possible and staff reward reading evidence that is logged in the home-school diary with Dojo Points.

Mr Shackleton and Miss Anderson