

## Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2

### Information for parents of children in Years 5&6 for the Autumn Term 2019

WELCOME BACK! We hope you all had a fabulous Summer! The UKS2 team are very excited about the term ahead and all the exciting learning opportunities that we have planned.

**Our Upper Key Stage 2 Team: Year 5** - Mrs Plummer, Mrs Rowett and Mrs Olive

**Year 6** - Miss Rogan, Mrs Mingay and Mrs Binks

#### School day timings

School opens at 8.50am, registers are completed by 9am. Please ensure that children are on time. Morning activities, which are part of the curriculum are organised to settle children into the day. A TA will open the classroom fire doors first thing in the morning.



If you wish to pass on an **urgent** message to the class teacher, please give it to the TA. If you would like to meet with the class teacher, please contact the school office, who will organise a mutually convenient time. At home time the children will leave the school at 3.20pm and will be released from the playground opposite the main Reception office.

#### Reading and Homework



Reading books and records should come home daily. Please ensure that your child reads and discusses their book at least 5 times a week. It would be appreciated if you could log this in their reading records. We know how important reading is, as studies have shown that daily reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.

Your child will receive a list of spellings weekly to learn at home and school. Please help your child to learn their spellings, ready for tests on a Monday morning. Children will be allocated reading tasks on Reading Plus and Maths tasks on Times Table Rockstars, linked to their learning. Please see your child's reading diary for their log in details.

#### Our Topic

The theme of this term's topic is 'Journeys'. The topic mat shares the knowledge, vocabulary and key texts for you to share their learning and support them at home. They will be learning about evolution and inheritance and materials in Science and in Geography, they will be learning about North America so that they can compare similarities and differences with the United Kingdom. In DT they will learn about mechanical systems in moving vehicles and in music, singing and instrumental performance. Writing opportunities and a wealth of vocabulary will come from our text, 'Wonder', which is set in New York.



#### Administration of medicines

If your child requires medication at school you must complete an administration of medication form which is available in the office. We can administer prescribed medication, supplied in a named container with instructions. If your child has an inhaler, it must be named and in school at all times.

#### Marvellous Me

We love to send messages home to keep you updated about your child's achievements in school. Please make sure that you are signed up to Marvellous Me and don't forget to 'High 5' us!

If you have any comments or suggestions please let us know. If you feel that you would like to share your skills with us linked to our topics, we would be delighted to hear your ideas.

Thank you very much for your continued support, The Year 5 and 6 Team!