

Welcome to Upper Key Stage 2

Information for parents of children in Years 5&6 for the Summer Term

2021

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

School day timings

As we continue to follow government guidance, the staggered start and end times of the day will remain. Please ensure that your child is on time so that we can continue to avoid congestion during drop off and pick up times. The children will come in to school, wash their hands and start their morning activities. The morning activities are an important part of the curriculum; they have been designed to support children in developing their key skills in reading and maths, as well as settle them into their daily routine.



Children must enter the school building on their own and wash their hands straight away. If you do need to speak with your child's class teacher, please contact the office to arrange a telephone call.

Reading

Your child will continue to bring home a reading book this term. When your child is ready to change their book, they will need to bring it back to school on a **Thursday** to be quarantined for 72 hours. Your child will then be able to select a new book on a **Monday**. 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 as children who have read 5 times a week most often throughout the term, will be awarded with a HIGH 5 reader prize! We know how important reading is, as studies have shown that daily reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance.



Homework

Your child will receive an overview of the spellings that need to be learnt weekly at home and in school. This is also published on the school website. Please help your child to learn their spellings, ready for their test on a Monday morning. In the children's reading records there is a word list; this is a list of words which the children need to be able to spell by the end of year 6. Children will be allocated reading tasks on Reading Plus and Maths tasks on our other online learning platforms linked to their learning. Please see your child's reading diary for their log in details. The new homework challenges will be sent home this week too. Completing the tasks will help your child to consolidate their learning through a range of enjoyable and educational activities.

Our Curriculum this term...



This term's curriculum theme is 'Inventions'. The topic mat you will also receive shares the knowledge, vocabulary and key texts for you to share your child's learning with them, so that you can support them further at home too. They will be learning about Living Things and their Habitats and Animals including Humans in Science. In History, they will be learning all about the Victorians and why Queen Victoria was such a powerful monarch. They will also delve into the world of Victorian crime and punishment! During the second half term, children will be learning about Victorian inventors, inventions and also about the physical features of countries within the British Empire, with a particular focus on volcanoes in geography!

Outdoor activities and PE:

Years 5 and 6 will have PE lessons twice a week. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kits with their school jumper on. Children will not have the opportunity to get changed at school.



The Year 5 children will have PE on a Tuesday and a Wednesday (subject to change if swimming lessons can resume later this term).

The Year 6 children will have PE on a Wednesday and a Friday.

Absence from school.

If your child is unable to attend school, please let us know as soon as possible. It is very important that your child's attendance does not fall below 96%. There is evidence that progress is slowed when attendance is inconsistent and as always, we are aiming for 100%!

Water Bottles:

In school, the children have access to drinking water at all times; please can the children bring in their own NAMED water bottles from home to keep in the classroom (these can also be taken out during PE sessions).



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 to share your child's successes!



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!

Year 5 - Mrs Taylor and Miss Pannett

Year 6 - Mrs Rowe and Mrs Binks