



WELCOME BACK UPPER KEY STAGE TWO (UKS2) FOR THE AUTUMN TERM!

Important information for the parents of children in Years 5 and 6.

WELCOME BACK! We hope you all had a lovely Summer break! 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 - Mr Price (Class Teacher) and Mrs Chamberlain (Teaching Assistant)

Year 6 - Miss Rogan (Class Teacher) and Mrs Gath-Walker and Mrs Binks (Teaching Assistants)

This term's overarching theme is **JOURNEYS** and we have launched into our new **NORTH AMERICA** Geography topic with a fun-filled experience day this week!

School day timings

As government guidelines have now changed, we will be resuming our 'normal' start and end times of the day: 8.50am start and 3.20pm finish, but to prevent over-crowding in cloakrooms, we will continue to use the fire door entrance.

Please ensure your child/children arrive at school before 9am, ready to start their morning tasks. Doors will be open from 8.50am. If you wish to speak to your

child's class teacher, please contact the school office to leave a message and we will call you back or respond via email as soon as we can. If your child is in Year 6 and you would like them to walk home at the end of the school day, please put this in writing for Miss Rogan or leave a message via the school office so that we have a record of children with permission to walk home.



Reading

"Reading is essential for those who seek to rise above the ordinary." - Jim Rohn.



We strongly believe that reading for pleasure plays a vital role in children's success in all aspects of learning and later life. Therefore, we insist that children read to an adult at home at least 5 times a week and we celebrate this regular reading with our High 5 Reader competition. Please continue to sign the reading record to indicate every time your child has read. Reading records will be checked weekly to record and celebrate High 5 Readers! Let's make a fantastic start to the school year with lots of High 5 Readers!

Homework

This term's homework grid has been shared along with this letter. Please encourage your child/children to complete all of the challenges throughout the term as they have been designed to enhance and consolidate their learning in school. The challenges can be completed in any order and brought into school as they are completed to display in the classrooms. We love to receive all their great work! ☺

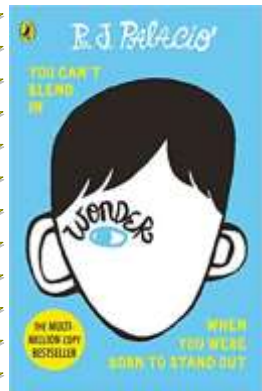
Reading Plus or Reading Eggs should be used at home as often as possible to further support your child/children's reading. It has been proven that children make more rapid progress with their reading when accessing the program more regularly. Timestable Rockstars, which is an individualised program to support children in practising their tables, should also be used regularly at home to ensure children can confidently recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12.

Topic

The theme of this term's topic is 'Journeys'. In Geography, we will be learning about **North America**, developing an understanding of geographical similarities and differences with the United Kingdom. This is recapping and building on the children's prior knowledge and understanding of types of settlements, land use, farming, climate and fair trading. We will be learning about **Evolution and Inheritance** and **Light** in Science lessons. The topic mat provides the knowledge, vocabulary and key texts for this term, for you to share your child's/children's learning and support them at home.



Our Class text



This term, we will be reading the text **Wonder** by R.L. Palacio. Through reading this inspiring story, we will explore PHSCE themes such as building relationships and accepting difference, as well as enhance our evolution and inheritance learning in Science. As our Geography topic this term is North America and **Wonder** is set in New York city, USA, the story provides lots of opportunities to explore a North American city too.

PE and Forest School

Year 5 have PE on **Tuesday** and **Friday** this term.

Year 6 also have PE on **Tuesday** and will take part in **Forest School** on **Wednesday afternoon** this half term. Children must continue to come to school appropriately dressed in their Forest School kit.

On the days children have PE, we also ask that they continue to come to school dressed in their PE kit. *PE kit is black or navy jogging bottoms, shorts or leggings, a white t-shirt and their Moorside hoodie which they will receive on their first day. They will also need appropriate footwear for outdoor PE. This should not be school shoes.*

What to bring...

Please ensure children bring a **NAMED water bottle**. **Reading books, reading records, blue spelling books and book bags** should come into school each day. **Packed lunches** can be brought in and will be stored in school.



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. Let's aim for 100% attendance in our classes as much as we can!



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 are not currently signed up, please contact Mrs Pawley in the school office and she will support you with this!

Watch out for this term's topic mat with key vocabulary and the 5 finger facts to practise with children at home! As always, we thank you for all your continued support and look forward to the exciting term ahead!

The Year 5 and 6 Team 😊