

# Year Five and Six Newsletter

Autumn Term 2018

Welcome back to a new school year and especially to Year 5 and 6. We hope you have all had a wonderful summer holiday and are looking forward to an action packed Autumn term!

These are just a few notices and reminders to help get the term off to a smooth start.

## Key Dates:

27th September—React Science Trip—Lilly Hall

21st November—Matilda Theatre Experience—Manchester

In addition to this we would like to invite you to our class 'Open Afternoon on Thursday 15th November at 2pm (lasting approximately 1hr) where we can take the opportunity to share and celebrate the children's' achievements and successes from across the term. I am currently planning several trips for Year 5 and 6 including a residential to a city therefore additional information will follow.

## Homework

Your child has been issued with a reading book and a reading record journal this week - so please double check that they have brought them home. We strongly encourage your child to be reading at home through 'Strive for 5'. If your child reads 5 times (or more) in a week they will get a reading raffle ticket. Please take the opportunity to listen to your child read daily (where appropriate) and sign their reading record journal. This book needs to be brought into school on Monday to be checked. To develop children's Maths skills, we want children to complete 2 Mathletics activities (one will be linked to their Maths topic in class from that weeks learning and one related to another area of the Maths curriculum). Those children who complete their Mathletics activity weekly will be given a Maths raffle ticket. In addition to this your child will also complete a Topic related homework task each half term.

## Building Learning Power

- Resilience – being ready, willing and able to LOCK ON TO LEARNING
- Resourcefulness – being ready, willing and able to LEARN IN DIFFERENT WAYS
- Reflectiveness – being ready, willing and able to become MORE STRATEGIC ABOUT LEARNING
- Reciprocity – being ready, willing and able to LEARN ALONE AND WITH OTHERS

Each of the above dispositions are made up of a number of learning behaviours, which are called learning muscles. As the learning muscles are quite specific in nature they can be individually trained, nurtured and exercised. Year 5 and 6 will continue their Building Learning Power adventure exploring the disposition 'Resilience and over the next 7 weeks work together to develop the skills associated with noticing.

## KS2 SAT's

A positive work ethos makes all the difference, so your support at home is welcomed and encouraged. The SATs take place on the week beginning the 13th May 2019 and lasts the full week. The children will be tested on reading, grammar, punctuation and spellings, maths reasoning and arithmetic.

## What we will be learning this term?

Our topic this term is:

- India



As part of their learning, the children will work as geographers and look at the human and physical features of India. As historians, they will learn about The British Empire; with a focus on the history of tea, tea plantations and the East India Company. In Design and Technology they will experiment with Indian cuisine and in Art and Design they will explore textiles. In R.E, children will compare the deity of Christianity, Buddhism and Islam.

## Science:

### Earth and space

Pupils should be taught to:

- describe the movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the sun in the solar system
- describe the movement of the moon relative to the Earth
- describe the sun, Earth and moon as approximately spherical bodies
- use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night and the apparent movement of the sun across the sky

### Living things and their habitats

Pupils should be taught to:

- describe how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences, including micro-organisms, plants and animals
- give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics

## PE Kits



All children require a P.E kit. This should be kept in school all week, enabling us to be more flexible with hall times and outdoor PE. Year 5 and 6 will be swimming on Wednesday afternoon beginning 12th September and multi-skills coaching on Monday afternoons. Please note the P.E kit is as follows:

- Shorts
- School T-Shirt
- Trainers (Pumps are not adequate in Y5/6 due to the nature of games).

If anyone would like to become more involved in our class -listening to readers or helping with art and design projects and School trips please let me know.

As always if you have any questions or concerns and wish to speak to either myself or Mrs Penfold then please come in for a chat.

Thanks again for all your support,

Mrs Airey and Mrs Penfold