

Curriculum News

Class 5/6D - Spring 2023



Reminders

- PE is every Friday for 5/6D. Please can children bring a pair of trainers to remain in school for PE.
- Reading books and records should be brought into school every day. We ask that children please read with an adult at least three times a week.
- Spellings will go out on a Monday to be practised for a test on Friday.
- Homework will go out on a Thursday (on paper).
- As well as that, children can also complete some extra work on Reading Plus, Lexia and TT Rockstars for extra team points!
- Children are welcome to complete homework on a Monday breaktime if they have found anything difficult, with staff available to support.

Forces...and Light!

Our science topics for this half term

This term, Year 5's science lessons will be about forces! We will be learning about different forces and experimenting to see the effect of these.

Year 6 will be working with Mr. Turnbull and will begin by investigating light, including reflection and refraction.

Children will be developing the science skills by working scientifically to conduct a range of investigations, drawing conclusions and by working with accuracy and precision to draw detailed diagrams of their investigations.

Our class text

'Every adventure requires a first step...'

After a tumble down the rabbit hole, Alice finds herself far away from home in the absurd world of Wonderland. As mind-bending as it is delightful, Lewis Carroll's 1865 novel is pure magic for young and old alike!

We have been using this story as a basis for our setting descriptions and diary entry writing.

This term, we are reading 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll.



PSHCE/Thrive

We are building on last term's work on friendships by exploring what bullying is and how we can deal with this. This will help us to distinguish between different forms of hurtful behaviour and ensure we are being kind to one another, as well as offering advice on what to do if someone is being bullied. These themes will be picked up in our Tuesday Thrive sessions too alongside our weekly Thrive activities.



Things to look forward to!

"I am looking forward to our school trip as part of our geography lessons on where our food comes from!" Cameron M.

"I'm looking forward to P.E. because I love gymnastics. I know how to do a handstand but I want to try rhythmic gymnastics!" Faith E.

Article 17 | Children have the right to information that is important to wellness.

Favourite topic this term?

"I like our science lessons! I want to be a scientist when I'm older." Leigh D.

"Science for me too because it is interesting finding out about how we can see!" Louis K.

"DT because I really like making structures!" Charlie R.

"PE as it is my favourite subject!" Jessica G.



Maths

This term, we are covering the following units:

- Multiplication and Division
- Perimeter and Area
- Fractions and Decimals

We will also continue to work on our times tables using Times Tables Rockstars. How fast can you recall your times tables?

Article 3 | Adults should think about how their decisions affect children.

Foundation lessons

- For Y5, our history unit is the Normans whilst our Y6s will be finding out about Stanley's coal mining history.
- Our French is all about the weather. The children will practise both speaking and writing in French and will even record their own weather report!
- In DT, we are taking inspiration from the Normans and building our very own catapults! This will also allow us to apply our science knowledge about forces and mechanisms.

Things to look forward to!

"I am excited for some new clubs, especially pop dance because I like dancing!" Tommy H.

"I am looking forward to art because it is one of my favourite subjects. I want to practise and get even better at drawing!" Ava R.

"I'm really looking forward to the new girls' football club!" Lexi D.