



Welcome to Year 5 & Year 6's Newsletter

Summer 2 2018

English

Year 5

Year 5 will be studying a classic novel called Holes by Louis Sachar and looking at film clips to enhance their learning. They will be writing a range of fiction and non-fiction texts linked to our topic-Hola Mexico!

Year 6

Year 6 will be continuing with Harry Potter to produce even more fantastic writing.

Maths

Year 5 children will continue their consolidation of angles and then move on to investigate 2D and 3D shapes.

Times Tables

Please can you encourage your children to recall their times tables quickly? It is very important that they know them at speed. There are lots of games online to help them too, a good one is, 'Hit the Button' which the children love!

Music

Keep an eye out for changes to the way music is taught in school. Ukulele to drums, and steel pans to singing will all be taught to children in years 5 & 6. Some children will even be invited to perform in a steel pan concert after school.
LOOK OUT FOR WIND IN THE WILLOWS.

Topic Homework.

We will be sending home a sheet with a variety of different activities for the children to do. The children will earn points for the piece/s of homework they choose to do. The children who earn the most points in the term will receive a prize!
Please have a look and support your children to complete some of the activities.



Topic: HOLA MEXICO

Bienvenido a Mexico! We're going to explore this unique country, from its towering temples to its fun-packed festivals.

During this half term, we'll learn about Mexican food and to cool down afterwards, we'll have a refreshing drink of sangrita or limeade. Using our literacy skills, we'll write about festivals and create an invitation to a Mexican food tasting session. In preparation, we'll make delicious drinks and savoury dishes. We'll learn about the 'Day of the Dead' and create 3-D skulls. With the Chihuahuan Desert as our imagined location, we'll write postcards and clear instructions for a game. Using maps, we'll locate Mexico and explore its natural features. We'll discover what daily life is like and how it has changed over time.

Science: Animals including humans

We will be investigating the human body and comparing it to that of animals.

RE: Discovering faith through art

In RE we will be learning about different faiths through the medium of art and drama.

MFL: Weather

This term we will be focusing on the weather. The children will build their French vocabulary so that they will be able to broadcast a weather report.

ICT: HOLA MEXICO

This term the children will be researching and presenting different types of information in different formats to support our topic about the Mayans.

PSHE: Changing me

Our topic in PSHE is all about the changes that the children go through as they get ready to transition to Year 7.

Other important news

Our PE topic this half term is athletics. Please remember children should wear a **white t-shirt** and **black bottoms** for PE. They should also have **pumps or trainers**. Kits should be brought into school on a **Monday** and taken home on **Friday**.

Weekly Homework

Please remember homework should be handed in every **Monday**, to be given back **Wednesday**, along with homework diaries that should be signed by parents. They are a communication tool for us all. Reading books should be changed weekly and reading records signed also.

Walsall Leather Museum

The children had a great day at the museum and learned a lot more about the Victorians. They got to dress-up in Victorian clothing and made a leather key-ring.



Inspire Days

We will have a topic celebration day towards the end of term where you will be invited to come and help your child create masks, Mexican food and other exciting activities. Please come and support your children and have some fun. We will send a date out soon so get ready to put it in your diaries.



A reminder

Children should wear school uniform always with black shoes. Children should not wear any jewellery, except a watch and stud earrings.

School reports will be coming out later this term and there will be a drop in for parents to discuss their children.

Thank you for your continued support from the UKS2 Team.

- Mrs Bayley: Class Teacher
- Mrs Barker: Class Teacher
- Miss Wilkes: Class Teacher
- Mr Forsyth: Class Teacher (AM)
- Mrs Longmore: Teaching Assistant
- Mr Egerton: Pupil Premium Teacher