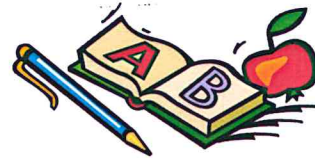


## Year 5 and 6 Newsletter - Autumn 2018



Mrs Turner (5T)  
Mrs Atkin & Mrs Woodbridge (5/6AW)  
Mrs Kirby(6K)

|                  | <u>What to bring to school</u>                                       | <u>What to take home</u>     |
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| <u>Monday</u>    | Reading book<br>PE Kit — 5T  | Reading book                 |
| <u>Tuesday</u>   | Reading book<br>6K First half term swim-<br>ming (5AW swimming)      | Reading book                 |
| <u>Wednesday</u> | Completed maths home-<br>work.<br>Reading book<br>PE Kit — 5T and 6K | Reading book                 |
| <u>Thursday</u>  | Reading book<br>PE kit 5AW and 5T                                    | Reading book                 |
| <u>Friday</u>    | Reading book<br>PE Kit-5AW   | New homework<br>Reading book |

Please remember children should:

- Bring a water bottle to have in the classroom every day. This must be filled with water only.
- No pencil cases please.
- Read at home every night. Bring your reading book to school everyday.
- Have indoor and outdoor PE kit with them every day.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term! Here is a brief summary of our learning for this term which we hope you will find useful.

The Autumn term is shaping up to be a very exciting one with some of the Year 6 away on their residential (week beginning the 17th September) and we have a host of exciting learning opportunities that we are sure the children will love including Habitats and the Ancient Greeks.

We are keen to have active readers so please ensure that you are reading with or encouraging your child to read at every opportunity.

As you can see from the table on the back page, Maths homework will be sent out on a Friday and is expected back in the following Wednesday.

We are usually available after school should you have any questions, concerns or if you would just like to know how your child is getting on. You could also arrange an appointment to see us via the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kirby, Mrs Atkin, Mrs Woodbridge, Mrs Turner  
(Year 5 & 6 team)

## Homework

Daily reading should continue in Year 5 and 6—please continue to read with your child and ask them questions about their reading.

Maths homework will be set on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. One week this will be a written exercise in their maths homework book and the next it will be an online activity.

Spelling homework will also be set on a Friday and this will be checked on the following Friday.

Once a term the children will receive an open ended project appropriate to their Learning Challenge. The children will have a few weeks to complete this, including the half-term holiday.

### How you can help your child at home ?

The most important support you can provide is to read with your child daily and talk about what they are reading. Asking them to retell the story or questioning them about what they have read is a great way to check understanding, rather than just reading the words on a page.

It is also very helpful if you could practice multiplication tables and quick mental calculation including addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Putting these facts into every-day contexts such as shopping, cooking, travelling or measuring really helps illustrate key vocabulary and supports recall!

### **Suggested Reading Linked to Our Learning:**

Who Let The Gods Out? — Maz Evans

The Wonder Garden— Kristiana Williams

Varmints—Helen Ward & Marc Castle

The Iliad and the Odyssey—Marcia Williams

Danger Zone: Avoid Entering the Ancient Greek Olympics! - Michael Ford

## **Our Learning:**

| English   | Maths   |
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| In English we will continue to focus on how great books are made using high quality texts to structure our learning. Starting with Aesop's fables, we will look at writing our own fable with a moral message to link to our PSHE. We will be using 'The Wonder Garden' to write non-chronological reports, linking to our environment and habitat topics. After half term, we will be looking at instructional writing linking to our DT project and looking at Greek Myths. | This term we will be looking at number and place value. We will read, write and order numbers up to 1,000 000, count in 10s from any given number and solve practical problems. We will add and subtract whole numbers with more than 4 digits, and solve addition and subtraction problems deciding which methods to use. We will then move on to statistics reading and interpreting information in tables, including timetables. |
| Learning Challenge  |   |
| We are starting the term with a whole-school learning challenge based around PHSE—Am I a Good Friend? The children will then be moving onto learning about Habitats and how animals adapt to different environments. After the half-term break we will be learning about the Ancient Greeks including the stories that were told, and their lifestyles and buildings during this fascinating period of history.   |   |
| Music   | PE  |
| We are extremely lucky to still have music lessons and tuition from Cambridgeshire Music. Year 5 will begin to learn the Ukulele whilst year 6 will still have the opportunity to carry their brass lessons from last year. Singing will also continue to be a feature of these lessons along with assemblies.  | Mrs Ashby will deliver a PE lesson during the team's PPA time. Our PE focus for this term is tag rugby, and circuit training. 6K will begin swimming lessons this term, 5AW will start after the October half term, and 5T will swim in the New Year.   |
| PSHE  | Other Events  |
| Beginning our term with the topic of 'Am I a good friend?' the children will explore what are the qualities of a good friend and how to deal with the challenges that friendships bring.  | Y6 residential to PGL week beginning the 17th September. Year 5 will be visiting Ely fire station on Friday 19th October.   |