



## Upper Junior Spring Newsletter

A belated Happy New Year! We have all had a great start to the Spring Term and look forward to our children sharing their work with you later on in the year. We are in the process of organising key visitors into school, special events and trips out to enhance our curriculum - watch this space!

We continue to work hard to ensure your children are becoming increasingly independent with their learning and we appreciate your support with ensuring that diaries, PE kits and fully equipped pencil cases are in school.

### Our Team:

Mrs Woodhart - Year 6 - Phase Leader

Mrs Stack - Year 6

Miss Doherty- Year 5

Miss de La Perrelle - Year 5

### Spring Curriculum:

Year 5 have been exploring the 'History of Theatre' in their topic, 'Lights Camera Action!'. To finish the topic, the children are now looking at silent movies and will create a biography about Charlie Chaplin.

After this, Year 5 will begin their new topic, 'To Infinity and Beyond!'. The children will explore Space; learn about the 'space race'; study the text *Cosmic* by Frank Cottrell Boyce and consider the role of women at NASA.

Year 6 have started this term with the topic, 'Sail Away!'. The children have explored inheritance, variation and evolution. They have met Charles Darwin and used geographical skills to track the voyage of the HMS Beagle.

After half term, Year 6 will move on to 'Survivor!'. The children will be considering environmental issues that the world faces and explore real live survival stories.

If you have any resources or expertise in these subjects or if you would like to come in to support us further, please speak to your child's teacher.

### Physical Education:

The Upper Junior PE timetables are as follows:

Class	Indoor	Outdoor
5HP	Monday	Thursday
5SD	Monday/ (Back to Thursday after half term)	Friday
6TS	Friday	Tuesday
6MW	Friday	Tuesday

Your children will require a clean indoor and outdoor PE kit each week and these should also be clearly named.

**Indoor PE**            white t-shirt, navy shorts, bare feet

**Outdoor PE**        white t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers, dark tracksuit for colder weather conditions (not their school jumper)

### **Homework:**

Topic based homework and Doodlemaths will continue to be set this term for Year 5. However, Year 6 have started revision tasks for homework. Please be aware that these will be **set on a Friday and due in, with set tasks fully completed, on the following Friday.**

Please support us by finding your child the time and place to complete any homework to a **high standard**. If there are any problems with the tasks set, please let us know as soon as possible-not the day that homework is due.

### **Reading:**

We love reading at Wraysbury and enjoy talking to the children about the range of reading that has taken place at home. We still encourage children to read daily but it should be for pleasure not a chore!

Should you need some guidance in selecting appropriate texts, I have produced a recommended read book list that is available on our school website.

Reading Diaries still need to be in school daily. They are a great means of communication and provide the opportunity to share information about any reading that takes place at home.

Don't forget the children have the opportunity to win rewards for every **Reading Challenge** completed. We expect at least one challenge to be completed each week but remember the more your child completes, the more rewards they receive!

### **School Shoes:**

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that the children should not be wearing trainers to school, this is not part of our school uniform and the children should all be wearing black shoes.

I wish you and your children a very happy and successful 2020 and look forward to seeing you in and around Wraysbury Primary School.

**Mrs M Woodhart**  
**Upper Junior Phase Leader**