



NEWSLETTER

For CLASS 5/6

Autumn 2018



Welcome to Class 5/6!

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an exciting term. During this term we will begin by exploring the local environment in our topic about "Barford and Beyond" and continue after half-term with a focus on World War 1.



Swimming

Swimming kit: swimming costume for girls, Speedo style trunks for boys, towel and goggles (with completed permission slip).

Swimming will take place on Friday mornings for Class 5/6. Please note that swimming lessons will begin on Friday 14th September at St Nicholas Park Leisure Centre.



Sports

Class 6 P.E will take place on Tuesday afternoons. The children will be receiving their sports coaching from Carl Gallagher.

A reminder that all children are expected to wear the correct sports/P.E kit in school. This consists of a plain white T-shirt (with no logos), red shorts and black pumps. P.E kits should remain in school every day and will be sent home half termly. An outdoor sports kit (dark blue or black tracksuit, white T-shirt and trainers) will also be required.

Children should also bring a carrier bag for wet trainers/clothes, which will then be sent home.

Homework Information

Homework should last approximately half an hour - if your child is struggling to finish, please sign their work to signify this or write a note in their homework diary. The diaries are a valuable source of communication between home and school, so please ensure your homework diary is in school every day.

Homework schedule:

Issued: Wednesday

Due in: Tuesday

1. A mental strategy and multiplication tables to learn for the mental maths test on Monday.
2. Spellings to learn ready for the spelling test on the following Wednesday.
3. Topic/ Science/English
4. Maths (homework books as last year)

Our Curriculum



This term our Topic is
"Barford & Beyond"

ENGLISH: We will be reading and writing narrative texts with a focus on characterisation and development of atmosphere. We will also be exploring a range of non-fiction texts including: explanation, instruction and report writing.

HISTORY: We will be finding out about Barford and surrounding areas, and the impact of World War I and some of its significant historical events.

MATHEMATICS: Our focus will be: properties of number; use of the formal written methods for the four operations and in depth exploration of fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be investigating area, perimeter and volume.

SCIENCE: We will be studying Forces and Changing Materials.

GEOGRAPHY: We will look at the physical and human geography of the local area. We will develop mapping skills and identify key locations in Word War I.

ART/DT: Our art and design work will be linked to our topic focussing on using a range of materials. We will focus on the use of colour/tone, patterns and textures used by significant artists from World War I.

ICT: We will look initially at internet safety and then move onto coding to create a virtual museum.

RE: We will be following the Warwickshire RE Syllabus and focussing on Christianity.

PSHE: Initially we will be focussing on exploring our learning styles and the concept of a growth mindset. We will then move to working on Keeping Safe & the Taking Care Project.

FRENCH: We will be increasing our vocabulary and using this in both spoken, and written, French.

MUSIC: We will be investigating musical structure and attempting to play instruments or sing with increasing accuracy, fluency, control and expression.

Diary dates

14th September: Swimming starts

10th & 11th October: Parents' evening

21st & 28th November: KS2 school trip
(class split tbc)

6th December: Class Assembly

18th December: Pantomime visit

21st December: Last day of
term

And finally...

Please could you ensure that your child has an old shirt in school to protect their uniform during our Art activities.

We are looking forward to an exciting term which will involve lots of challenges and successes. Please do not hesitate to contact me about any issues that may arise or any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Rebecca Stock