



# Upper Key Stage 2 Topic Newsletter

Summer 1 2024

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## This Term...

### Year 5 Curriculum

### Year 6 Curriculum

#### History – Ground-breaking Greeks

In History, the children will learn about developments and changes over six periods of ancient Greek history, focusing on the city state of Athens in the Classical age, and exploring the lasting legacy of ancient Greece.

#### History – Britain at War

In History, the children will learn about the causes, events and consequences of the Second World War, the influence of new inventions on warfare, how life in Great Britain was affected and the legacy of the war in the post-war period.

#### Art – Mixed media

In Art, the children will learn about paper crafts, papermaking and collage techniques, including paper, fabric, mixed media and photo collage. They use their learning to create a final piece of small-scale, mixed media collage.

#### Art – Distortion and abstraction

In Art, the children will learn about the concepts of abstraction and distortion. They will study the visual characteristics of abstraction and create a musically-inspired, abstract painting.

#### DT – Architecture

In DT, the children will learn about how architectural style and technology has developed over time and then use this knowledge to design a building with specific features.

#### Science – Light Theory

In Science, the children will learn about the way that light behaves, travelling in straight lines from a source or reflector, into the eye. They will explore how we see light and colours, and phenomena associated with light, including shadows, reflections and refraction.

### Thought of the term...



Be caring and kind

Respect and compassion

InMAT value: Inclusion

### How I can help my child at home.

#### Maths

In Term 5, Year 5 will learn about decimals, position and direction and the properties of shape.

Year 6 will learn about the properties of shape, angle properties and statistics. Ask the children to name 2d and 3d shapes and describe their properties, calculate with decimals.

Ask the children to explain the key angles facts and explain the different types of triangles with their properties.

#### English

In Term 5, Year 5 will be writing non-chronological reports and mystery stories. Year 6 will be writing non-fiction recounts and narrative stories.

Activities which support this read non-chronological reports and think about how they are set out.

Discuss the key features of mystery stories and how mystery can be created.

Read a range of writing of the genres to be studied, discuss features of these types of writing.

### Dates for the diary.

16<sup>th</sup> April – Start of Term 5

18<sup>th</sup> April – Class Photos

2<sup>nd</sup> May – School Closed to Year 5 (polling station) Year 6 in school

6<sup>th</sup> May - Spring Bank Holiday

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATs week

23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 4-6 May Movie Night (3.10pm – 5pm)

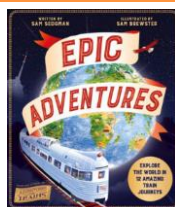
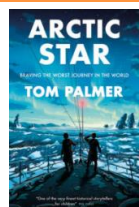
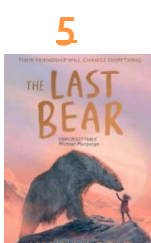
24<sup>th</sup> May – End of Term 5

#### Advanced Warning

22<sup>nd</sup> July – Year 6 Prom (6pm)

23<sup>rd</sup> July – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (9.15am)

### Reading Recommendations – Year



### Reading Recommendations Year 6

