



Upper Key Stage 2 Topic Newsletter

Autumn 2 2024 *abc*



This Term...

Year 5 Curriculum

Year 6 Curriculum

History – Dynamic Dynasties

In History, the children will learn about periods of ancient Chinese history. They will explore a timeline of the first five Chinese dynasties. They will look into the history of the Bronze Age Shang Dynasty and explore evidence found in the ancient city of Yin.

History - Maafa

In History, the children will learn about Ancient African Kingdoms, the development of the transatlantic slave trade, Britain's role in the slave trade and the causes and consequences of the abolition of the slave trade and slavery.

Science – Earth and space

In Science, the children will learn about our Solar System and its spherical celestial bodies. They will describe the movements of the Earth and the other planets relative to the Sun, the Moon relative to Earth, and the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

Geography – Our changing world

In Geography, the children will learn about the features of Earth, time zones and lines of latitude and longitude to pinpoint places on a map. They will also learn about map scales, grid references, contour lines and map symbols. Finally, they will study climate change and the importance of global trade.

DT – Moving mechanisms

In DT, the children will learn about pneumatic systems. They will experiment with pneumatics before designing, making and evaluating a pneumatic machine that performs a useful function.

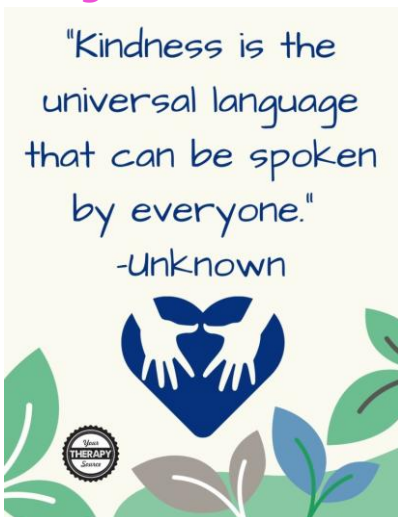
DT – Food for life

In DT, the children will learn about processed food and healthy food choices. They make bread and pasta sauces and learn about the benefits of whole foods. They plan and make meals as part of a healthy daily menu and evaluate their completed products.

Art - Taotie

In Art, the children will learn about the significance and art of the taotie motif, including ancient and contemporary casting methods.

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 2, Year 5 will learn about graphs and tables, multiplication and division and area and perimeter.

Year 6 will learn about fractions and position and direction.

Activities which support this:

Practising times table recall to support all fractions work, multiplication and division methods and area. Reading maps using directions and co-ordinates.

English

In Term 2, Year 5 will be writing adventure narratives.

Year 6 will be writing newspaper reports and creating timelines.

Activities which support this:

Read a range of writing of the genres to be studied, discuss features of these types of writing. Create a bank of persuasive words/phrases. Work on using the past tense accurately and identify conjunctions linked with time.

Dates for the diary.

12th November – Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 5.30pm

14th November – Parents' Evening 3.40pm – 7.30pm

15th November – Children in need

28th November – Year 5 trip to the Space Centre

30th November – Choir to Teddy Steps 11am

6th December – Choir to Delapre Abbey 4pm

7th December – Choir to St Mary's church 2pm.

12th December – Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Movie Night

19th December – Christingle at St Mary's Church – 6pm – 7pm

20th December – Christmas Party Afternoon and End of Term 2

Homework

Year 5 and 6 homework is set on a Thursday and is due to be handed in the following Tuesday.

Reading Recommendations – Year 5



Reading Recommendations – Year 6

