



Year 5/6 Newsletter

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Pegasus — Mrs Hill

Aquila — Miss Bainbridge and

Miss Ridd

Lyra — Mr Vaux

Orion— Mrs Langford

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Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to everyone. We hope you have all had a lovely summer. The children have returned eager and ready to learn. This half term there will be lots of exciting opportunities for the children and we are looking forward to watching them shine. We would like to take this opportunity to recognise the effort the children (and their parents) have gone to in order to ensure they return to school looking smart and following the uniform policy.

Opportunities for this half term include our year 6 trip to Nethercott Farm, Pedal Power for our year 5s and a number of visitors coming into school, as well as our topic, My Britain, which we launched as a phase last week.

Homework

Homework is a vital part of your child's learning. Please ensure that your child is spending sufficient time on their various homework activities and where you can, continue to support them.

Times tables practice, spellings and reading should all be part of the **daily** homework routine.

We will also be sending learning enquiry tasks home every 3 weeks. These will link to topic, science, RE, Reading, English and Maths. These homework tasks will allow for an element of choice. There will be a range of tasks with the opportunity to use different skills.



PE Kits

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in **every day**. They should have appropriate outdoor kit as outdoor PE kit will still go ahead unless weather conditions are particularly extreme. For outdoor PE, children should have tracksuit trousers, warm top and trainers rather than plimsolls.



Nethercott farm



Excitement is building in the year 6 area as we approach our Nethercott trip.

Please remember that the coach will be leaving at 8:30 am on Friday; therefore please ensure that your child is in school by 7.45am. On the morning of the trip we will have the following stations set up in the hall for the collection of certain items:

Medical/Money/Envelopes.

Please note that children are not to bring cameras to the farm as this interferes with their farm work. Please be assured that staff will take plenty of photographs.

Quick reminders:

- Remember to label all items of clothing,
- Pack extra socks and underwear,
- Pack toiletry items including lip salve/ Vaseline,
- Pack at least 2 bin-liners so that children can store their dirty clothes,
- Give your child a self-addressed envelope with a stamp so that they can send you a letter,
- Please ensure you write to your child and send it as early as possible to ensure it arrives on time,
- Remember to pack your wellies in a separate bag and label them,
- Remember to pack towels,

Calling all Year 5 children! Miss Griffin desperately needs your help!

Please can you start collecting and bringing in materials for your new exciting art project which will start on Tuesday 11th September next week!



We will be doing a textural collage project and we really need a wide variety of different materials to use. **You DO NOT need to buy anything.** Be resourceful and think about recycling, check your rubbish before you throw it away! You can bring in anything that is unwanted at home for example: fabric scraps, ribbon, string, buttons, tin foil, cling film, newspaper, magazines, bubble wrap, packaging- card and plastic,



wrappers, egg cartons, corrugated card. Anything you think will be useful! You will be rewarded for your resourcefulness and how much you bring in. Who will find the most interesting materials?

Please ask permission at home before you bring anything into school.

Thank you and see you all soon,
Miss Griffin

English

This term we will be using film as a stimulus for writing. The film 'ruin' has already engaged the children and will provide opportunities for writing for a range of audiences and from different viewpoints. Each class have already begun their class novels. All of these have proved popular with the children and will be enjoyed throughout the half term.

Maths

This year we have made slight changes to the way we deliver maths. Instead of teaching topics in blocks, we are now linking topics which will be drip-fed throughout the year. This means that in the first half term, your children will be covering place value alongside the four operations, measure and fractions. This should allow children to understand that nothing in mathematics stands on its own, and will help them to retain what they've learnt as they will continuously revisit throughout the year.



Religious Education

In R.E, the pupils will begin the term by exploring how we become co-creators. The starting point for this exploration is the two creation stories in Genesis. This then requires understanding of what it means to be the people of God as expressed by St. Paul and of the teachings expressed in the Beatitudes. After this, the pupils will start to consider how the work of Jesus is continued through us, as expressed in the prayer of St Teresa of Avila. The concept of pilgrimage as a journey of prayer will also be covered and the second of the two Sacraments of Healing will be explored, whilst focusing on the part prayer plays in healing. Finally, the children will hear about the work of the Church in ministering to the sick today.



Topic

This term we will be exploring 'My Britain'. The children have started to find out about their house saints and the country they are patron saint of. Over the next few weeks, they will find out about all of the countries that make up Great Britain. They will have the opportunity to find out about human and physical features and compare these across Great Britain. They will learn to read maps and compare features on the maps. We would like to invite you to attend our Family Learning session on Wednesday 10th October at 1.30pm.

