UPPER SCHOOL Autumn 2

Welcome back after what I hope has been a refreshing half term break. This half term looks like it is going to be a busy and productive one with lots of great learning and other exciting activities.

The weather is distinctly autumnal now, so please make sure children are coming to school in waterproof coats. Hats and scarves are also welcome additions – please make sure they are named. It would also be useful to have long-legged items for PE such as tracksuit bottoms, as lessons will continue outside throughout this term.

It has been delightful to see the Upper School children uploading their half term projects to their google classrooms! Well done for all the hard work.

Annual Challenge

Just a gentle reminder to take a look at your child's annual challenge on their google classroom page. Please upload any evidence which matches the activities.

PE Kit

Please see below for your child's PE days.

Year Group	**PE days**
4	Wednesday and Thursday
5	Monday and Friday
6	Tuesday and Thursday

It is important that your child brings in the correct PE kit. The correct kit includes:

- **Plain** royal blue shorts or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms (plain navy-blue leggings may be worn if they are changed from leggings worn as part of the full school uniform);
- **Plain** royal blue crew neck t-shirt;
- **Plain** navy-blue tracksuit top, hoodie or sweatshirt;
- **Plain** white or black trainers.

Mrs Walker

Year 4

Welcome back after the half term break.

As a year group, we are eager for the good effort to continue with the weekly homeworks. Please make sure the correct Maths homework is completed on the appropriate day. The Maths Shed homework is to be completed on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays. The Times Table Rock Stars homework should be completed on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the games should be played for at least ten minutes. Please sign the Reading Journal daily to show that both reading and Maths homework have been done.

Last half term we saw some wonderful progress in Maths. The children demonstrated a secure understanding of place value and can now use formal written methods for addition and subtraction. Parents, please practise rounding numbers to the nearest 100 and 1,000 at home. This half term we shall be learning about multiplication, division and area. More time spent on TTRS will help support this learning!

The children have really enjoyed the start of our new Writing unit - suspense stories. We shall be using various features to draw the reader in and build tension and suspense.

Our Science topic is electricity. The children will be making circuits and learning about the uses and properties of electricity.

For our foundation topics, the children will be learning about the Ancient Romans in History. DT we shall be making and cooking pizzas. We shall also be starting our Spanish for this year - the people around me.

Miss McDonnell, Mrs Clift and Ms MacIver





Year 5

Welcome to the second half of the autumn term. Like every school term, it will be both a busy and exciting one!

In Writing, we are writing our 'defeat the monster' story, which links to Year 4's class text of 'Beowulf'. The children have enjoyed looking at another version of the Anglo-Saxon tale and have now started creating their own versions, by changing the main character, the monster, and how it is defeated. We have been delighted with the children's imagination for this story and the creative language they have been using.

In Science, we are starting our new topic, 'Forces'. This unit explores the physics of motion and gravity. We encourage you to borrow books from the library about forces, as this will support your child's learning and forms part of the home reading requirement.

Our focus in Maths has been on multiples, factors, prime numbers and squared numbers. Children have really enjoyed learning these concepts and have shown a good understanding of the process. However, some of their multiplication knowledge needs further practice, especially with the 8x and 12x multiplication tables. Please spend some time at home practising these. It is essential that your child completes their Maths Shed and TTRS homework (the timetable of all homework is in your child's Reading Record) as this will support their class learning.

In other subjects, we look forward to learning about the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons in History, building moving toys in DT and learning dance sequences in PE.

Finally, we will be participating in a Christmas Workshop on **Tuesday 8th December**, where children will be partaking in a craft afternoon with WYFC.

Mrs Fakih and Miss Smith

Prime Number				
2	3	5	7	11
13	17	19	23	29
31	37	41	43	47
53	59	61	67	71
73	79	83	89	97



Year 6

We are delighted to welcome the children back after a refreshing half term break! We were genuinely impressed with the homework produced over the holiday—the quality was fantastic.

The students started the year strongly, producing some truly excellent work. We especially enjoyed reading their diary entries and were struck by the sophisticated language and techniques they employed. They have worked hard with their SPaG work as well at the start of the half term and we have seen it being applied to their writing.

Please remember that booster classes have now started on a Monday after school until 4pm. Some children have also been invited to a Tuesday booster as well, finishing at 4pm also. These boosters are essential to address any gaps in learning as well as a chance to focus on test technique and exam style questions. These booster classes will be running until SATs week in May.

We continue to maintain extremely high expectations for Year 6 students across all aspects of school life. Please ensure children come to school wearing the full, correct uniform and have their PE kit ready, remembering that no earrings should be worn on PE days.

- PE Days: Tuesday and Thursday.
- This term, the focus for PE will be developing skills in hockey and dance.

Homework Reminders

While most children are diligently completing their assignments, please note the daily requirements:

- Daily: Times Tables Rockstars (10 minutes) and Ed Shed.
- Weekly: A Spelling and SPaG assignment must be completed 3 times during the week.

This term is packed with exciting new topics and activities:

- Writing: We will begin by writing a discussion test based on Kensuke's Kingdom, followed by crafting a narrative inspired by the text *Kidnapped*.
- Reading: Our class text will be *Kick*.
- Maths: We will be furthering our knowledge of fractions before transitioning to decimals and percentages.
- Science: The children will be undertaking practical, hands-on investigations into light.
- History: The history topic, Ancient Greece, will launch with a special Ancient Greek Day involving various activities to deepen their understanding.
- DT: In DT, students will test their sewing skills by making their own bag. Please look out for a follow-up letter regarding materials needed for this project.

Miss Price, Mrs Sharp and Miss Farid