



UPPER SCHOOL AUTUMN 2

Welcome back! We hope that you and your children enjoyed the half term break and are looking forward to the rest of this term.

Homework

Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed or TT Rockstars for their homework. Please support your children in completing these as they provide an important opportunity to practice and embed new learning and can deepen understanding. They also give families a chance to talk about the learning that is taking place in school.

Year 5 & 6 Walking home

For Year 5 and 6 pupils, there is the option to leave the school premises unaccompanied with your permission. If you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk home alone, please log on to parent pay where you will be able to give consent. Unless we have consent given via parent pay your child will not be allowed to walk home.

Reading

It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will have a reading book from school that is pitched at a level to help develop their reading. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.

This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

Year 4

Beowulf

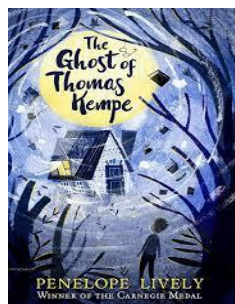
Michael Morpurgo



Year 5

The Ghost of Thomas Kemp

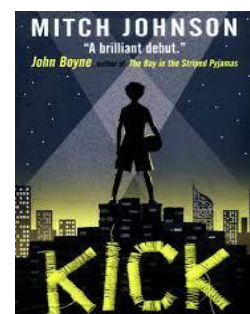
Penelope Lively



Year 6

Kick

Mitch Johnson



Year 4

This term our school trip is an exciting visit to a local pizza parlour; where we are going to make, cook and eat the pizzas that we have designed in our Design Technology lessons. Please make sure you have given consent on Parent Pay. Our Writing and Reading lessons centre around the theme of defeating monsters and we are enjoying composing our own creative writing stories. We are continuing to focus on learning our multiplication tables off by heart in Maths ready for the national test in the summer.

We are enjoying keeping fit and learning about healthy eating in DT. In PE, we are learning to play in Hockey lessons with Mr Chait. Mrs Quinton's class continue learning how to swim and learning water safety at the leisure centre on Tuesdays; whilst Mr Chait's class are choreographing their spy and mystery themed dances in PE.

Homework will be set daily. MathShed activities are assigned Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and on a Thursday and Friday children should be completing their TT Rockstars. The spelling task is assigned weekly. Please ensure that you hear your child read daily and signing their reading journal.

Year 5

Year Five's Autumn 2 topic is the Vikings and we are learning about them in history. In Maths, we are learning to find the area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes before moving on to fractions. In English, we are reading the book 'The Ghost of Thomas Kemp' and we are learning to create suspense by writing a finding tale. We are continuing with our science topic of the properties and changes of materials, looking at reversible and irreversible changes. In DT, we will be learning about seasonal vegetables leading up to making our own soup and in PSHE we are learning about the importance of families. In music, we will explore the blues.

PE is on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. This half term, we are doing dance and tag-rugby. Please ensure clothes are clearly labelled and go home at the end of the week for a wash. Homework will be set daily. MathShed activities are assigned every day. In addition, children should be doing their TT Rockstars every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The spelling task is assigned weekly. Please ensure that you hear your child read daily and signing their reading journal.

Year 6

This half term, our topic is Ancient Greeks; we will have Ancient Greek Day on Friday 24th November. We will be basing our writing of a diary entry and newspaper report on last half term's book - Floodland. Our focus in maths is fractions, decimals and percentages. In science, we will be learning all about light and in DT we have already begun making our own bags. RE focuses on significant texts, whilst in music we will explore how dynamics, pitch, texture and rhythm are used in songs. PE is on Monday and Thursday afternoons. This half term, we are doing dance and hockey. Kit should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed. Please ensure clothes are clearly labelled.

Homework will be set daily. On EdShed they have a maths and SPAG assignment each evening, spellings is set across a week and children are expected to complete 5 tasks across the week. They should be practicing times tables daily on TTRS. Please remember that your child should read daily as well.