



Class 5/6 DF Newsletter

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff:

Welcome to all the parents/carers to class of 5/6DF. We are so happy to be your child's new teacher's and I hope to see them progress and flourish this year as they spread their wings in upper key stage 2. As always, our door is always open to you so please do see us if you have any questions, concerns or queries. We hope to have a fun-filled year with lots of amazing learning planned. Do keep asking your child what they have learnt in school as I am sure they will have plenty to share.

Class Topic:

Our topic this half-term is 'Living on the Edge'. As part of this topic we will be using our geographical skills whilst learning all about erosion, weathering, coastal features, changing coastlines and changing boundaries.



In DT we will also be designing and making our own lighthouse with a working electrical circuit in order to light up the bulb.

Science:

In Science we will be looking at 'Living Things and their Habitats'.

We will be classifying various plants and animals and will explore various Animal Kingdoms.

As part of science investigations, we will explore soil habitats and describe different types of Fungi. The scientist we will explore during this topic is Carl Linneus.



Maths:

In Maths, both y5 and 6 we will be learning about the value of numbers up to a million.

This will include using place value mats to recognise the value of each individual number, rounding numbers, learning about negative numbers whilst year 5's will also be using roman numerals to solve problems.

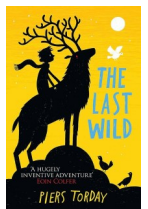
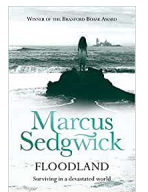
All these skills will be used to develop a further understanding of addition and subtraction which will form the latter part of this half term.

English:

Our class novel this half term is the book 'Floodland'. We will be exploring at the idea of a dystopian future and hot seating as characters to better understand the text. We will also be writing a letter. We will also be planning, writing and editing a formal persuasive speech.

VIPERS

Our reading vipers text will also be focusing on the story of 'The Last Wild'. The VIPERS skills we will focus on prediction, fluency and questioning. We are going to be focusing on all the different types of questions we may see for these skills.



PE:

Children will be having PE twice a week. On Monday children will have athletics with a sports coach. On Thursday children will have PE sessions focused on improving agility and previously learnt techniques. Please ensure PE kit is brought on the day for children to change in to.

PSHCE:



Being me in my world

We will identify our goals for this year, understand my fears and worries about the future and know how to express them. We will explore the universal rights for all children.

MFL:

In French, we will be recapping basic sentences and phrases learnt last year so we can hold conversations with each other. We will also be learning numbers up to 20 and will learn the nouns of classroom objects.



French

How parents can help at home:

We are focusing on reading and writing this year. Reading really accelerates children's writing so please read at home. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw to access homework which is set each Friday. Children are encouraged to practise their weekly spellings and timetables on Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock stars.

Days/Dates to remember:

- PE is on Monday and Thursdays. Children will need to come into school in their full school uniform with their PE kit in a bag to change in to.
- Homework is set on Seesaw on Friday. Spellings are set on Mondays. Spelling tests will be on Fridays that week.
- Please ensure that reading records and books are in school daily so that we can check pupils are reading and so we can read with pupils in class too.