



Class 5/6W Newsletter.

'We can and will succeed'

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Message from the staff:

Welcome to all the parents/carers of class 5/6W. We hope you have had a relaxing Easter break and are ready for the new half term ahead of us. As always, our door is always open should you have any quick questions or concerns that we can help with. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this half term and we hope the children will be excited to share this with you.

Class Topic:

Our topic this half-term is 'Endangered'. As part of this topic we will explore the evolution and inheritance of animals including humans in our planet and how these have had to adapt to survive. We will also look at the famous botanical artist Elizabeth Blackwell and create our own botanical illustrations.



Science:

We will be looking at **Evolution and Inheritance** and will be exploring how animals have adapted to suit their environments over time. We will explore what fossils can tell us about what life was like thousands of years ago as well as exploring concepts such as genetic modification and natural selection.



English:

In English, Y6 will be practicing reading comprehension, spelling, punctuation and grammar in preparation for SATS. In Y5, the class text this half term will be Shackleton's journey—a stunning visual recount of the famous expedition led by Shackleton. We will be using drama to convey the thoughts and feelings of the crew members, writing diary entries in the first person, creating newspaper reports about the famous expedition as well as writing and performing our own motivational speeches to lift the crew's spirits in the difficult conditions they face. We will also explore some non-fiction texts based on Ice animals to help link our reading to our topic.

Maths:

In Maths, Y6 will be making their final preparations for their upcoming SATS tests, revising important calculation concepts and finishing off their shape, space and measures unit. Year 5 will continue to embed calculation methods and look at the link between fractions, decimals and percentages including how to convert between these.



PE:

In PE Y5/6 will be having sports coach sessions on Wednesday/Thursday. They will be focusing on athletics skills such as leadership, teamwork, motor abilities and resilience. They will start with basic hurdling skills and progress to more demanding drills.

PSHCE: Relationships

During this 1/2 term, we will be learning about how relationships with a range of people can adapt and change over time and look at how all humans respond differently to this. We will also look at the influence technology has on relationships between people.



MFL:

In French, we will be looking at the topic 'Out of the World'. We will be asking and answering questions about our identity and we will read and understand simple information about planets.



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 and record when you have listened to your child read in their record. Keep supporting your children with Seesaw to access homework which is set each Friday and due back the following Thursday. Y6 children to access SATS companion at home.

Days/Dates to remember:

- On Thursday, 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 Friday and due back on Thursday. Our spelling tests will be on Fridays.
- Year 6 SATS week— 13th—17th May.
Spellings are tested on Fridays.