



# Greenleas Primary School

## Welcome back!

Welcome back to all of our Year 5 and 6 children for a new school year. In Year 5/6, the staff will be:

- **Mr Healey - Azalea teacher and Year 5/6 band leader**
- **Mrs Ward and Mrs Hummerston - Ivy teachers**
- **Mr Baker - Lotus teacher**
- **Miss Jones - Teaching Assistant**
- **Ms Turner - Teaching Assistant**

## Supporting at home

Please find some hints and tips to support your child's learning at home.

- Listen to your child read at least 3 times a week to support their fluency.
- Discuss what your child has read. Predict what will happen next, discuss the characters or settings, find some facts in a non-fiction texts or research the meaning or origins of some unfamiliar words.
- Times Tables practice - TT Rockstars and Hit the Button games online.
- Spelling - <https://spellingframe.co.uk/>
- Purple Mash - all children will be given logins to take home.
- Play games that allow the children to think deeply, such as chess or Scrabble.

## Key Dates:

**15<sup>th</sup> September: 11+ exam**

**19<sup>th</sup> September: St Anselm's entrance exam**

**20<sup>th</sup> September: Upton Hall entrance exam**

**6<sup>th</sup> October: Y5/6 DT day**

**7<sup>th</sup> October: Individual photographs**

**7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October: Parent/carers meetings**

**20<sup>th</sup> October: Hi-Impact VR workshops in class**

**23<sup>rd</sup> October: Children finish for half-term**

**24<sup>th</sup> October: Staff Development Day**

# What we are learning

## English

In English, we will be using the book, 'The Promise' to drive our writing. Using high quality texts is a great way to engage the children as well as exposing them to a wide range of vocabulary and sentence structure.

Each day, the children will have an opportunity to read independently. This is to help their fluency and continue to promote a love for reading. In class, we have a wide range of age-appropriate texts for the children to choose to read. As well as this, the children will be read to by an adult, daily.

We will be promoting a love for reading throughout our wider curriculum by giving the children texts to extend their learning.

## Maths

During the first half-term, your child will be revisiting and extending their understanding of number and place value. This will provide them with the foundation to enhance their mathematical understanding, when learning new concepts. The lessons are sequenced so that the children are developing their fluency and will solve a range of problems, showing that they have a secure understanding of what has been taught.

## Geography

This half-term, we will be studying what life is like in the Alps. Within this topic, the children will use geographical skills to locate places on a map, study the human and physical geography of the Alps and will compare it to their local area.

## Other Subjects

PE – Invasion games (hockey)

DT – Structures: Bridges

MFL – British Sign Language

RE – Islam

Art – Drawing: 'I need space'

Science – Living things: Classifying big and small

Music – 'What makes us happy?'

PSHE – Citizenship

ICT – Coding

History – (To start after October half-term)

**Year 5/6 PE will be on a Monday.**

**Children are to come to school in the correct PE kit.**

### How you can help us:

- Support your child's learning with a 'little and often' approach to practice key skills, such as reading, spelling, phonics and times tables.
- Please make sure that the children bring their reading logs and reading books into school each day.
- Pencil cases are provided by the school with all stationary. Please do not bring in pencil cases from home.
- Please do not allow children to bring in items from home unless you have had this agreed with the class teacher beforehand.
- Safeguarding – nothing is more important to us than the safety of your children. Can we please ask that you support us at the end of the school day, by standing where your child and the teacher can see you. Notify the school office if collection arrangements change. Parents should only come into the school building if accompanied by a member of staff.
- Talk to us if you have any concerns or worries. We are ALWAYS here to help.

### Behaviour and Rewards

We will continue to use Dojos, certificates and recognition boards to support children to behave to the highest standards.

Just a reminder, we don't reply to messages on Dojo. The best way to discuss any concerns is at the gate in the morning.

This year we are introducing 'Zones of Regulation'. This will teach the children to recognise their own emotions and learn how to manage these in order to feel calm and ready to learn.

