

Welcome to the Year 5/6 Department

Welcome to the Year 5/6 Department. We are looking forward to a very exciting and jam-packed year ahead. We hope that the information in this newsletter will help your child settle in smoothly to the Department. We pride ourselves on our varied and exciting curriculum and where possible, we go on outside visits, invite visitors into school and look for fun and engaging ways to bring our learning to life.

MEET THE TEAM

The teachers working in the team are:

Miss Wood—Woodpecker Class Year 6

Mrs Ward/Mrs Morrison—Toucan Class—Year 5/6

Mrs Youdan—Puffin Class—Year 5

The Teaching Assistants working in the team are:

Mrs Wilkinson

Mrs Cattrell

Miss Ellett



Communication:

Parents' Evening will take place 19th/20th October.

Year 6 Residential—Conway Centre—28.06.23-30.06.23

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

Don't forget to keep your eye on our website and Twitter for up to date information. We post on here regularly.

English/Maths

We place great emphasis on reading in Year 5/6 and children are always encouraged to choose quality books from the recommended reading list. We will be celebrating National Poetry Day on 6th Oct. Our maths philosophy is to help equip children with the skills to understand the changing world. We believe that Maths teaches us how to make sense of the world around us. We are looking forward to doing some journaling to give children a deeper, clearer understanding of number. We will also be doing some extra fluency lessons in addition to our maths lesson.

What are we going to be learning about this term?

History/Geography skills:

Our first topic is a new and exciting, geography unit, using the book, 'Shackleton's Journey' and looking at Antarctica and covering the effects of climate change. We are looking forward to a South Pole explorer presentation to give us more information.

After half term we have another exciting topic, Conflict and Resolution where we will be looking at World War 1 and World War 2. We have a Poppy art day planned and a WW2 day with lots of exciting activities.

We have a breakout recovery room on 12/9/22 and 13/9/22 working on team building skills and communication and co-operation skills. Let's hope we manage to break out!

Personal Social Health & Economic Education

At Greenleas we use the HeartSmart PSHE programme. This is a creative approach that we use to build character, emotional health and resilience in children. We recognise the value of educating the heart alongside educating the mind.

We also focus on other age appropriate social and emotional components, such as Sex and Relationships, including puberty.



Roberts Bakery: Roberts Bakery will be working in Year 5 and year 6 and teaching us the mechanics of bread making. Look out for the delectable bread that the children will be bringing home. Mmmmmmn.

Homework:

We really encourage children to complete their homework on time.

Spellings: Children will be given Spellings to learn weekly. They will be sent out online via Spelling Frame or Google classroom on a Thursday and they will be tested on the following Thursday.

Maths: Year 6 will be online completing a White Rose Diagnostic maths quiz. Please encourage your child to complete the reasoning behind how they worked out answers. Year 5 to be introduced to diagnostic questions during the term.

English: During the term children will be completing online reading theory comprehensions and should be completing a minimum of two a week.

Reading: We will also be continuing to develop a love of reading and hope you will help your child read a range of books! Throughout the year, children will be asked to complete reading challenges at home and they should be reading every night.

Occasionally we will give a research project which will last over the course of a few weeks. This term we are asking children to complete a presentation on an explorer of their choice. We look forward to sharing these in class.

Behaviour:

All staff work hard with the children to encourage good behaviour founded on mutual respect.

Your child will already be familiar with DOJO points and we will continue to use them in Year 5/6.

At the end of each term children will be chosen as the POOC of the class (person of outstanding character). In order for children to be a POOC, they must adhere to our school rules:

- ♦ BE NICE
- ♦ WORK HARD
- ♦ NEVER GIVE UP!

PE:

CLASS P.E. LESSONS

Toucan— Monday

Woodpecker—Tuesday

Puffin—Wednesday

Swimming block—21st November

28th November

LFC Foundation will be working with the children for additional sessions later in the year.

Meet our author of the week . . .



CHRISTOPHER EDGE



Christopher writes books which tackle big questions and provoke the reader to think. Each one, because of this, is full of twists which will have you guessing until the end.

The genre Christopher writes is science-fiction - which combines science and - you guessed it - fiction to create an intriguing story. Don't be fooled into thinking they're all set in the future or space, though. Not all sci-fi books are!

If you like Frank Cottrell-Boyce or Kirsty Applebaum, you'll love these books!

I love reading because books can help you to make sense of the world, they can let you escape from your world for a while, and maybe, one day, even inspire you to build a better world. Keep reading and change the world!

Four of Christopher's books have been nominated for the prestigious CLIP Carnegie medal.

Christopher Edge says:

SMSC and British Values

EXCITING NEWS! We are a runner up in the Great Black Briton's art competition ran by Merseyside Police as part of Black History Month. The artwork will be on show as part of the supporting display at the International Slavery Museum, Liverpool from 4-30 October, 2022. The display will be open to the public Tuesday-Sunday and we encourage you to go along to see it.

RE:

This half term we will be learning about Judaism and Christianity. We will be discussing and reflecting on the questions:

In what way do beliefs affect our daily lives?

Has Christmas become more of a cultural tradition rather than a religious celebration?

Why is Jesus portrayed in different ways?

We will be visiting our local church and we are also in the process of arranging a trip to Princes Road synagogue in Liverpool.

