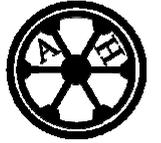




Acre Heads Primary School



Y5/6 Information for Parents and Carers

Spring Term 2018 - Welcome Back

Year 5/6 Team

Miss Imrie - Year 6 Class Teacher and Phase Leader for Year 5/6

Ms Perkins - Year 6 Class Teacher

Mrs Fearn - Year 6 Class Teacher (Monday)

Mrs Garnett - Year 5 Class Teacher and Senior Teacher

Ms Britton - Year 5 Class Teacher and Senior Teacher

Mrs Newton - Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Mrs Cundill - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Smith - Teaching Assistant

Mrs Navier - Teaching Assistant (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Mrs Commander - Teaching Assistant (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Mrs Percy - 1-1 Teaching Assistant

Numeracy

This term the children will continue to be taught in year group sets for Numeracy and we will continue to follow the Abacus mathematics planning framework.

The children will be taught how to use and apply their mathematical skills with a focus on how they use written and mental methods. When the children complete work involving adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing numbers they will be encouraged to regularly check their answers and be expected to try and explain their understanding and reasoning to other children.

As before, we will plan opportunities for the children to solve a variety of real life problems involving measures, data handling, shape and space.

Literacy

The children this term will be taught in year groups for Literacy and where possible our work will link to our topic of 'Crime and Punishment' for Year 5 and 'Evolution and Inheritance' for Year 6. During the term, the children will have opportunities to study and write recounts, information texts, newspaper reports, non-chronological reports, persuasive texts, balanced arguments and poetry. We will continue to teach reading skills through shared reading and guided group reading within and outside the literacy hour. As always the children are encouraged to develop their understanding of the structure of a text and to analyse words used by an author.

Topic

The science topic Year 5 will study this term is 'Properties and Changes in Materials'. As well as 'Evolution and Inheritance', Year 6 will be also be studying 'Living Things and their Habitats'.

French

French continues to be taught this term in both year groups. The Year 6 children will continue to have weekly lessons taught by a language teacher from Wolfreton, in order to prepare the children for the KS3 modern foreign languages curriculum.

PE times

All the children in year 5 and 6 have a weekly PE session, which will primarily be taught outside, weather permitting. Children are required to have the school PE kit, consisting of black shorts, white polo shirt and sandshoes or trainers. Please also include jogging trousers and a long sleeved top for the colder weather.

The sessions take place as follows:

Upton and Hensall - Monday

Cudworth and Hemsworth - Wednesday

Class Reading Books

Each class has its own class library and children are encouraged to change their library books frequently. Children who are not yet free readers should read to an adult at home daily. Children who are free readers naturally read independently at home, however, we do encourage these children to also read to an adult at least 3 times per week.

Homework

Pupils will continue to receive the following homework this term:

- Spellings - children will be given a new list of spellings each week, which they must take home and write sentences incorporating the words. The completed sheets can be returned at any time and smile rewards will be given to the children for producing interesting and appropriate sentences.
- Times Table Platforms - the children all have their own individual times table platform sheet. The children must be able to recite the table in the order it appears and answer questions in random order to achieve a platform.
- Reading - whether your child reads the school reading scheme books or if they are a free reader they are encouraged to take home and read their reading book on a regular basis. The children are given opportunities to change at any time during the week.
- Half term homework - for the first half term year 5 will bring home a weekly piece of Maths homework; for the second half term the children will be doing a Design and Technology project (information for this will be given nearer the time). Year 6 have a weekly reading comprehension and a piece of Maths homework that help to support and reinforce the work the children have completed in lessons that week.

We are all looking forward to an exciting and enjoyable term at school. If you feel you can contribute to our topics in any way please let us know. We are always pleased to meet and speak to parents and carers, so if you would like to discuss any issues with your child's class teacher please contact reception or ourselves to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your continued support,
Miss Imrie and the Year 5/6 team