



Acre Heads Primary School



Y5/6 Information for Parents and Carers

Summer Term 2018 – Welcome Back!

Year 5/6 Team

Mrs Garnett = Year 5 Class Teacher and Senior Teacher
Ms Britton = Year 5 Class Teacher and Senior Teacher
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 (Cudworth - Monday)
Mrs Newton = Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Mrs Smith = Teaching Assistant
Mrs Cundill = Teaching Assistant (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mrs Navier = Teaching Assistant (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday)
Mrs Commander = Teaching Assistant (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)
Mrs Percy = 1-1 Teaching Assistant

Maths

This term the children will continue to be taught in year group sets for Maths 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. We also plan opportunities for the children to solve a variety of real life problems involving measures, shape and space and data handling.

English and Topic

The children this term will be taught in year groups for English and as much as possible of our work will link to our Geography topic of "Rockin' in Rio" for Year 5. This includes work on South America and Brazil, looking at culture and food. At the end of term, Year 5 will be having a carnival day. We will continue to teach reading skills through shared reading and through 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. Year 6 will be focusing primarily on Maths and English this term in preparation for the end of year assessments.

The Science topics this term are: Year 5 – Life cycles of animals, birds and humans. Year 5 will also be talking about the changes that take place in our bodies as we grow up. Year 6 – Animals Including Humans, which involves work on the circulatory system and being able to describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also be looking at the impact exercise has on our bodies and will be carrying out an investigation.

French continues to be taught this term. The Year 6 children will continue to have fortnightly lessons taught by visiting Wolfreton language teachers in order to prepare the children for the KS3 modern foreign languages curriculum.

PE times

PE sessions for each class will be taught mainly outside this term. The children must have a pair of shorts, long PE trousers, a t-shirt and sandals or trainers – these need to be kept in school throughout each half term as some additional PE sessions may take place on any day of the week.

The main PE sessions take place as follows:

Upton – Monday

Hensall – Monday

Cudworth – Wednesday

Hemsworth – Wednesday

If the children do not have a suitable outdoor kit, the children will still have to take part wearing their school uniform, but this is not as comfortable or convenient for them.

Homework

Pupils will continue to receive the following homework this term:

- Spellings: children will be given a new list of spellings every week, which they must then take home and write sentences using the given words. The completed sheets can be returned on any day within the following week and smile rewards will be given to the children for producing interesting and appropriate sentences.
- Times Table Platforms: the children will continue to bring these home to learn and smile rewards will be given for each platform passed.
- 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 their books on a daily basis during our guided reading sessions.
- Half-term homework: this half term Year 5 will bring home a research project on animals and plants in the rain forest, linked to Science.
- Year 6 have a weekly reading comprehension and a numeracy piece of homework that supports and reinforces 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 call and 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 the Welcome Desk or ourselves to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Imrie

Phase Leader for Year 5/6