

# Welcome to our Primary 6/5 Newsletter!

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## Welcome to Primary 6/5

Welcome back to the new term! I hope you all had a wonderful break and the pupils are excited to embark on a new and busy term!

### Interdisciplinary Learning

The class are beginning their new topic – Natural Disasters this term and will discuss, plan and research this topic over the next few weeks. The pupils have already shown an interest in conducting science experiments and using their STEM knowledge to create models relating to the topic. As well as this the pupils will create art pieces to showcase their talents and knowledge of the topic.

### Health and Wellbeing

The pupils will always take part in a Monday morning check in with the class to discuss how we are feeling. The class will also work through the SHANARRI indicators as well as continue to use the 'Emotion Works' programme at different points in the term.

## Literacy

The pupils have started their group novels this term and are enjoying reading in their groups. The groups had previously been given several options and voted on which novel they found most interesting. The groups chose The Titanic, Dream Boats and James and the Giant Peach. Throughout the next few weeks, the pupils will work on their reading strategies completing read to write tasks as well as look to develop their fluency in reading. The pupils regularly complete comprehension tasks as well as missing word tasks which allows them to use and develop their problem-solving skills.

## Numeracy

This term Primary 6/5 will be working through various maths topics such as measurement, factors and multiples and negative numbers. The pupils will continue to work on their timetables and four functions throughout the term. The class will also continue to develop their number knowledge and mental maths through Number Talks lessons where they have the opportunity to discuss and explain their maths strategies while also learning from others in the class.

## P.E

The pupils have completed their block of badminton and started their gymnastics block for indoor P.E. During this time the class will learn about different balances, pyramids, rolls, turns, jumps and vaults. The pupils will also have the chance to create and showcase their won routines.

Outdoor P.E will be focussing on football skills, specifically ball control, passing, shooting and dribbling as well as understanding the rules during games.

## ICT

The pupils will continuously be working with the class iPads for maths and literacy using a variety of apps such as SumDog, Topmarks, Studyladder and Educandy to support their learning.

This term the class are working in pairs to investigate an area within their new topic – Natural Disasters. The pupils will research information and display this using and developing their digital skills within PowerPoint.

## Homework

Homework will continue to be uploaded on Monday of each week. This will usually consist of spelling words for each group, chapters to read, maths sheet and time on SumDog. The pupils have until Friday to try their best to complete these tasks and hand in their homework folder.

## Key Dates for the Term

Inservice Day – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Parents Night – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
Christmas Party – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
End of term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December