






Welcome to Year 5/6!

We have already made a great start to the year! Lots of fantastic learning has taken place, a recent highlight being the visit from the archaeologist Dr Diane Davies, the UK’s expert on the Maya civilisation. We heard about her amazing adventures trekking through the rainforest in search of Maya ruins to excavate, and were able to see and (gently!) handle artefacts and discuss their significance. What an inspirational visit! If you want more information, or if you want to find your Maya spirit companion or the Maya Maths challenge, visit her website: <https://www.mayaarchaeologist.co.uk/>



Owl Class	Eagle Class	Merlin Class
		
Mrs Birkin (Mon, Tues) Mrs Bown (Wed-Fri)	Mrs Rudd-Walters	Mr. Attenborough

Maths Groups

To allow us to teach maths to single year groups, we are teaching maths in groups instead of classes.

- The Y5 Maths groups will be taught by Mrs Birkin & Mrs. Bown, with support from Miss Swift.
- The two Y6 Maths groups will be taught by Mrs Rudd-Walters & Mr Attenborough

As your child may have told you, we are using a different scheme of Maths (White Rose) this year instead of Power Maths. We will still be doing ten for ten and Pinpoint times tables tests every Friday, as well as setting MyMaths homework every week so please ensure your child completes the tasks set.

Later in the year, children will be having swimming lessons too:

Merlin class are going swimming during the autumn term

Owl class are going swimming during the spring term

Eagle class are going swimming during the summer term.

Secondary School information

Even though we have only just started the school year, some of our Year 6 children and their families will already be thinking about secondary school places. Please use department email if you have any questions about visits etc.

Christmas Card Designs

It's that time of year again when we ask the children to design a Christmas card. All classes will be doing this soon and bringing them home to show you, in case you want to get an order in ready for December. Keep an eye out for these coming home in bags soon!!

Bags and pencil cases & uniform

Please do not send your child to school with a rucksack for their school equipment as there is not space on the pegs for these. Also, school uniform is a polo shirt and not a "normal" shirt.

A flat book bag should be used for reading books and any homework and a drawstring bag for swimming/PE kit. They should not bring any toys from home in to school, including large key rings or fidget key rings. Children also need to ensure they can remove earrings for PE or have tape to cover them.

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?

Maths



Year 5: Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division

Year 6: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication & Division.

English-



Suspense story
Recount texts



Science-

Earth and Space

Computing-



E-Safety – Communicating & Collaborating

History



The Ancient Maya

Art



Drawing- Depth, Emotion & Movement

Religion & Worldviews-



What does it mean if God is holy and loving?

PE-



Merlin class will be swimming up until Christmas. Owl class will be swimming in the Spring term and Eagle class in the Summer term. Swimming will continue to be on a

Wednesday afternoon throughout the year.

Indoor- Eagle/Owl class- Badminton
Outdoor- Eagle/Owl class- Athletics

PSHE-



Being Me

French-



My School My Subject

British Values



Individual liberty
Mutual respect

Music-



Dynamics, pitch and texture
(Fingal's Cave)

NUT/SESAME ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts/sesame or nut/sesame traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts/sesame or products containing nut/sesame traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces, sesame topped bread or hummus dips.

Thank you!

Important Dates

7.9.25 - Themed 'Back-to-School' dinner day

22.9.25 - Harvest Festival worship

24.9.25 - Pupil Flu immunisations

2.10.25 - Themed 'Space' school dinner day

10.10.25 - Hello Yellow Day - Wear something yellow!

W/C: 20.10.25 - Scholastic Book Fair

24.10.25 - Break-up for half-term

Communication

Check out our school website- lots of useful information can be found here, including more details about the curriculum and photos from the previous term.

Twitter- each class tweets at least twice a week, so it is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in class.

This newsletter- keep it somewhere safe and refer back to it!

Emails to our department are always welcome, and are checked as often as possible, however if your child is ill you must contact the school office as we cannot guarantee that emails we be read first thing in the morning. When emailing in please include the name of the class your child.

Department emails will be checked by all class teachers.

Reading, Spelling & TT Rockstars

Please hear your child read or talk to them about what they are reading daily and ensure they have their book in school every day, even fluent readers greatly benefit from reading to you as you can discuss new vocabulary and character development with them. We really do appreciate your support with promoting reading. Dojo points will be given out for children reading to themselves and also to an adult.

Children will be receiving spellings to learn each week. These will be given out on, and tested each Friday.

Please encourage your children to use TT RockStars regularly. This will help your child with their quick recall of number facts.