

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

2024



Welcome back!

We have only been back for a few days but we are already back in full swing in Year 5/6. We started the new term with an inspiration day to start our new topics: Location, Location, Location, in Geography, and Evolution and Inheritance in Science. In this letter, you will find information about our learning this term and how the timetable will be organised.



THIS TERM IN YEAR 5/6



OUR NEW TOPIC IS...
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!

STAFF TEAM THE ADULTS SUPPORTING YOUR CHILDREN THIS TERM ARE:

Mrs Barnes
Mrs Wilson

Mrs Newham
Mrs Lynn

Mrs Smallwood
Mrs Ferguson

Mrs Walster, Mrs Blackwell, Miss Bertomeu, Miss
Cunningham, Mrs McMahon

Topic - Location, Location, Location—Settlements
(Geography and History)

English - Letters of complaint, Diary Writing,
Narrative, Balanced Argument

Maths - Fractions, Decimals, & Percentages
Equivalents, Percentages of Amounts, Converting
Units, Perimeter, Area & Volume, Algebra, Word
Problems

Science - Evolution and Inheritance

Art - Collage and Painting—Matisse

Design & Technology - Computer Aided Design

RE - Comparing Creation Stories with Scientific
Theories

Music - Creative Composition

PE - Hockey, Tennis, Athletics, Gymnastics, Fitness

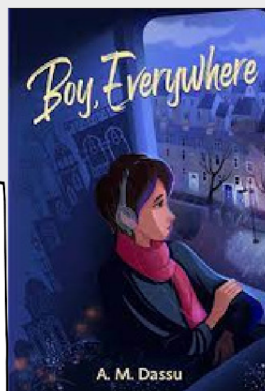
Computing - Programming: Variables in Games

French - Bon Appetite and Numbers

PSHE - Online safety, British Values, Rule of Law,
Individual Liberty, Careers, Financial Capability and
Economic Welfare



OUR CLASS BOOK THIS TERM IS:
BOY, EVERYWHERE
BY A.M.DASSU
THIS BOOK IS ABOUT A SYRIAN
FAMILY WHO BECOME REFUGEES.



Children are encouraged to bring a bottle to school each morning, filled with water. Please save squash for lunchtime. They are also invited to bring fruit as a snack for morning break.

HOMEWORK

Spellings—We will be continuing with our weekly spelling tests. Children will have words to learn each week, following a spelling pattern or the Year 5/6 National Curriculum statutory word list.

Reading—Reading is a huge focus in school this year and continues to be an extremely important area of your child's learning. We encourage children to read a range of texts to expand their comprehension and vocabulary - ideally at least 4 reads per week at home. To encourage reading, we will continue our popular 4 in a row Bingo sheet. Please ask your child about this.

Times Tables - we will be asking children to log on to TTRockStars at home to complete activities to practise their times tables.

Year 5 —Maths homework will be set weekly and will be a combination of paper tasks and online activities on MyMaths.

Year 6 - Children in Year 6 will bring home their CGP books this term for homework. We will be asking children to complete one Maths and one Reading task each week.

Homework is set on a Friday and should be returned the following Wednesday.

FIRST HALF TERM	Mrs Barnes	Mrs Newham	Mrs Lewis / Mrs Smallwood
Monday		Outdoor PE	
Tuesday	Indoor PE		
Wednesday		Indoor PE	
Thursday	Outdoor PE		Outdoor PE
Friday			Indoor PE

SECOND HALF TERM	Mrs Barnes	Mrs Newham	Mrs Lewis / Mrs Smallwood
Monday	Outdoor PE		
Tuesday	Indoor PE		
Wednesday		Indoor PE	
Thursday		Outdoor PE	Outdoor PE
Friday			Indoor PE

On your child's Outdoor PE day, they may come to school in their PE kit and remain in it for the entire day. They do not need to bring uniform to change into. As the children will be wearing their kit all day, please ensure that it is in line with our uniform policy. The children's indoor PE kit will stay in school for the whole half term.

UPCOMING VISITS AND VISITORS

Ashby High Street Walk—we will be visiting the local area to look at local amenities and services around Ashby. Date to be confirmed.

We have also invited a range of visitors to come into school this term to enrich the curriculum:

Trent Rivers Trust will be coming in on Monday 15th January to demonstrate flooding.

Fire Safety—Year 5 children will have a talk from the Fire Brigade on Tuesday 16th January.

Tim Phillips (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Ashby) - we are hoping to welcome Tim Phillips into school to talk to the children about Creation and Christianity to enrich our RE Topic.

Design & Technology—we are hoping to link with Ashby School for our DT topic this term.



On Friday 8th March, we are excited to be taking Year 6 to The Warning Zone in Leicester. This is a state-of-the-art facility, designed to educate young people on understanding risks, peer pressure, anti-social behaviour and consequences. With the Internet and online presence being so widely accessed from a young age, the E-Safety zone educates children on cyber-bullying, grooming, scammers and much more. We will send out a letter nearer the time.

WE WILL BE HOLDING A SATS INFORMATION EVENING FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS ON TUESDAY 23RD JANUARY AT 5PM. WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT A MEMBER OF STAFF, PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL THE OFFICE, WHO WILL READILY PASS ON YOUR QUERY.

KIND REGARDS,

THE YEAR 5/6 TEAM

