

Year Five/Six (Spring Term 2019)

Class Teachers

4/5 Willow: Miss O'Rourke

5 Beech: Mrs Banks and Mrs De Graff

6 Oak: Miss Birch

6 Elder: Miss Hayles and Mr Dixon

Topics of study

English During our literacy time, we will be working explicitly on the reading domains and the skills needed to support these. We will also be focusing on the use of precise and elaborate language as well as developing a secure understanding of sentence construction and intra-sentence punctuation (such as brackets, dashes, colons and semi-colons). We will apply and extend these skills throughout the year- through the use of our class novels.

Maths Throughout this term the children should aim to continue regular daily practice of all times tables including division facts up to 12 x 12. In class we will be working on selecting the most efficient formal methods of calculation for all 4 operations. We will then move on to work involving fractions, decimals and percentages, including their equivalences. The children will learn how to convert between different metric units and to identify the different properties of 2d and 3d shapes, including work on angles.

Science At the beginning of this half-term the children will be learning about Evolution and Inheritance with a specific focus on adaption. In the second half-term the children will have an investigative focus on forces including magnetism.

Physical Education During this term children will be partaking in gymnastics and achieving goals during indoor PE sessions. Outdoor games will be tag rugby and sports day events, focusing on technique.

Children should have both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school all week. The outdoor PE kit should include trainers, dark jogging bottoms and a sweatshirt. Children will need their kit on the following days:

4/5 Willow: Tuesday and Wednesday

5 Beech: Tuesday and Thursday

6 Oak: Wednesday and Friday

6 Elder: Monday and Wednesday

A piece of English and maths homework will be given to the children weekly. Children will also be given spellings to learn which follow the new national curriculum.

The most important way for your child to make progress across the curriculum is to read every day. It is an important part of the new English curriculum that children can read aloud confidently. Therefore, even if your child is a fluent reader, they would benefit greatly from being heard read daily by an adult at home. We would very much appreciate it if you could write a short comment when you hear your child read and sign their reading diary to confirm that they are also reading at home.

RE During this first half-term, the children will be understanding the five pillars of Islam. In the second half term they will focus on 'What Jesus did to help humanity' as part of our 'Understanding Christianity' scheme.

History Our history topic this term is 'World War 2'. The children will be learning about life at home and away during the war. They will also be evaluating primary and secondary sources. This will lead to a history week at the end of this half term.

Geography The children will be learning about earthquakes in the second half term.

Music This term the children will learn more about the different elements of music e.g. pitch, tempo and dynamics. This will be applied as they learn a range of songs. Children will also evaluate their own and others' performances.

ICT This half-term we will be exploring data handling. The following half term, the children will become digital researchers and presenters.

MFL Upper KS2 will have a variety of French topics this term such as directions, routes and time where they will be moving from simple phrases to being able to construct sentences and extending to short paragraphs.

PSHE We will be exploring the themes of 'Money and Me' followed by 'Keeping Safe', this will include keeping safe online.

