

UKS2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and we hope you all had a lovely October half term. This term will be even more busy than usual as we prepare for Christmas. We have already started rehearsing for our Christmas production of Baboushka and your child will have lines and songs to learn at home. More details regarding costumes and performance dates will be sent out nearer the time. Year 5 and 6 will continue to work together in some curriculum areas this term.

Curriculum

Topic - The Maya

D&T - Automata Animals - using CAMS

RE - Muslim Festivals continued followed by Advent

Computers - Purple Mash - Internet Safety

PE - Swimming and NUFC - Modified Team Games

Music - Classroom Jazz / Christmas Performance

French - Clothes, colours and numbers continued

Maths - Year 5 - Addition and Subtraction, Shape and Symmetry

Year 6 - Addition, Subtraction, Division, Multiplication and Fractions

Literacy - Year 5 - Story Writing

Year 6 - Debating and Persuasive Texts

PSHE - Say No to Bullying

Reading at Home

Some children are still not bringing their Reading Record to school or getting it signed by an adult on a regular basis. Please continue to read with your child at home at least three times a week but ideally every night as part of their daily routine and homework.

Spellings

Depending on the group they are in for Basic Skills, some children will continue to bring spellings home to learn each week. Please ensure they learn these each night rather than leaving it till the night before their spelling test.

Homework

The homework this term is a project on The Maya. Your child should have brought home the project home at the end of last half term. The project is due in on Monday 26th November. Please do not bring any work in before this as we do not have room to store it in school. In addition to this, your child will have lines and songs to learn for the Christmas production.

P.E. /Swimming

UKS2 will continue swimming at Willowburn this term. If your child is in Melvin's group, they will need to bring a pair of pyjamas as well as their swimming kit. If your child did wall bouldering last term, they will be doing gymnastics this half term and vice versa. NUFC will continue to be on a Monday. Please ensure your child brings a full, outdoor P.E. kit as we will be outside as much as possible.

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Punctuality

As you may have noticed, the children have tasks to complete when they come into school. If your child is late they will miss vital learning to aid their spelling and vocabulary or any intervention sessions. Please ensure your child arrives on time and is ready to begin their learning

Snacks

If your child would like a snack please ensure that it is a healthy one (no sweets or chocolate biscuits) and that it is in their book bags not their packed lunch boxes.

Communication

We will continue to send out class newsletters as well as school newsletters. Check the website for newsletters too. The P.F.A. has a board in the outdoor waiting area at the front of school. We still use parent mail to communicate also. If you need to talk to us, please arrange a time after school since the mornings are very hectic.

Sex Education

Sex Education is a part of the Year 5 Science curriculum so will be taught to the Year 5 children this year. The school nurse will be visiting to talk to the children about changes in their body and personal hygiene before these units of work are taught. The nurse will be coming into school on Tuesday 20th November this term.

Transition

Year 6 will be visiting the Duchess on 28th November for a Science lesson in the labs. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to start familiarising themselves with the school and staff there.

Many Thanks

Heather Mortimer and Rebecca Hedley.