



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,
Welcome back to a new school year!

Our topic this term will be based on a book called *Rooftoppers* by Katherine Rundell which has won the Blue Peter Book Award and the Waterstones Children's Book Prize, and was shortlisted for the CILIP Carnegie Medal. The story is about plucky heroine Sophie, her eccentric guardian Charles, and her intrepid orphan allies on the rooftops of Victorian Paris. We will be looking at the history of Britain's waterways and the work of the French artists Monet, Matisse and Seurat. In science we will be looking at electricity.

Homework

Your child has already been given a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a Literacy or creative task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to take home to complete. There will be a weekly spelling test based on the spelling patterns and the words they expected to learn for their year. Spellings will be given out weekly for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- read daily (with an adult or independently)
- practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to 12 x 12

AK Star Badges

Every child in the school has been allocated a special star badge to recognise good learning behaviours. Your child is working towards earning their badge, so please support them in this challenge.

To be awarded their badge by Mrs Saville, they need to demonstrate the following:

- regular use of Mathematics;
- regular home reading;
- listening well;
- not talking over others;
- challenging themselves;
- perseverance;
- making good learning choices;
- independent learning;
- trying their best with spellings;
- being ready to learn.

General Reminders...

- Both classes will have two one hour sessions of PE this term, one each on Tuesday and Friday, which will be taught by Mr Brown. It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If they don't have their kit, they won't be able to take an active part in the lesson. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please).
- Both classes have two Forest School sessions timetabled this term: Year 5 on 7th and 28th September. Year 6 on 6th September and 4th October. Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Miss Thomas

Miss Perring

| Subject | Year 5 | Year 6 |
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| Themes | Rooftoppers | Rooftoppers |
| Christian Value | Value in focus: generosity | Value in focus: generosity |
| English | Diaries Newspapers Poetry Explanations | Diaries Newspapers Poetry Explanations |
| Maths | Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division | Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division |
| Science | Electricity Investigation skills | Electricity Investigation skills |
| Computing | eSafety Blogging | eSafety Blogging |
| History | Britain's waterways and the Industrial Revolution | Britain's waterways and the Industrial Revolution |
| Geography | n/a | n/a |
| R.E. | Sikhism- commitment | Islam- commitment |
| Art & Design | Matisse, Monet and Seurat | Matisse, Monet and Seurat |
| Design Technology | Houses | Houses |
| P.E. | Games – Mr Brown | Games – Mr Brown |
| Music | Singing techniques | Singing techniques |
| P.H.S.C.E. | Our Happy School Out & About/eSafety | Our Happy School Out & About/eSafety |
| French | Numbers to 100 | School |
| Wow Events | Year 5 class assembly Tuesday 29 th November | |
| Community Links | Experience Harvest | AK Golden Years Harvest assembly Experience Harvest |
| SMSC development | Spiritual development week British Values week | Spiritual development week British Values week |
| Other Dates | Wednesday 7 th September- Forest School Wednesday 28 th September- Forest School | Tuesday 6 th September- Forest School Tuesday 4 th October- Forest School |