



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

Our topics this term will be based on books called *A seed is sleepy* and *Floodland* by Marcus Sedgewick which has won the Branford Boase Award. The story is set in the future where rising sea levels have flooded much of England leaving Zoe, our main character, trapped on the island of Norwich...

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...

- This term Year 5's PE sessions will be on Thursday afternoon and Year 6's sessions will be Friday afternoon. It is essential that children have a full, labelled PE kit in school, including a water bottle. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please).
- Both classes have four Forest School sessions timetabled between September and Christmas: Year 5 will be, Tuesday 3rd October, Tuesday 7th November and Tuesday 5th December.
Year 6 will have Forest School on these dates: Tuesday 5th September, Tuesday 10th October, Tuesday 14th November and Tuesday 28th November.
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.

Subject	Year 5	Year 6
Themes	A seed is sleepy Floodland	A seed is sleepy Floodland
Christian Value	Value in focus: Thankfulness	Value in focus: Thankfulness
English	Poetry Explanations Diaries Newspaper reports Character descriptions Letters	Poetry Explanations Diaries Newspaper reports Character descriptions Letters
Maths	Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Prime numbers (Year 5) Statistics and measures (Y5)	Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division Fractions
Science	Science investigation skills Plants Forces and magnets	Science investigation skills Plants Forces and magnets
Computing	eSafety Computer networks Presentations Prezis	eSafety Computer networks Presentations Prezis
Music	Christmas Music	Christmas Music
R.E.	How far would a Sikh go for their religion? Understanding Christianity – Incarnation. Christmas story (Year 5)	What is the best way for a Muslim to show commitment to God? Do Christmas celebrations and traditions help Christians understand who Jesus was and why he was born? (Year 6)
Art & Design	Observation drawing William Morris Clay work Printing Models of structures	Observation drawing William Morris Clay work Printing Models of structures
P.E.	Games with Mr Tanner	Games with Mr Tanner
P.H.S.C.E.	E safety Link to a seed is sleepy Environmental education	E safety Link to a seed is sleepy Environmental education
French	Y5 Numbers to 100	Y6 School
Wow Events	Life Education Van	Life Education Van
Community Links	Enterprise project	Enterprise project Y6 AK Golden Years Harvest service
SMSC development	A seed is sleepy	A seed is sleepy
Other Dates	Forest School- Tuesday April 25 th Forest School-Wednesday May 24 th	Forest School- Tuesday 9 th May Forest School – Tuesday May 23 rd