



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

Our topic this term in Year 5 will be based on 'The Highwayman' a narrative poem written by Alfred Noyes. We will use the text to create stories from different viewpoints, newspapers, monologues, letters and much more. In Science, we will be looking at light and carrying out DT activities (building a carriage) as well as Art, ICT and RE.

In Year 6, we will be carrying out SATS and London preparation as well as looking at the topic of light in science. In RE, we will be focusing on Understanding Christianity: salvation unit.

Homework

Your child will be given a new Home Learning brochure on the first day back with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a English 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 challenge 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 Times Table Rock Stars;
- 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...

- Year 6 will have PE with Mr Tanner on Friday afternoon. Year 5 will have PE on Thursday afternoon which will be taught by Mr Tanner. 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).
- Year 5 will have Forest school on Wednesday 24th April, Tuesday 21st May and Tuesday 2nd July. Year 6 will have Forest school on Wednesday 1st May, as well as taking part in forest school activities whilst in London, Wednesday 3rd July and Wednesday 17th July. 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/ 6 term 5	Year 5/ 6 term 6
Themes	WORLD AWARENESS WEEK Y6 RESIDENTIAL Highwayman (Year 5)	Y5 RESIDENTIAL The matchbox diary The piano (animation) (Y6)
Christian Value	service	respect
English	Y6 – SATs preparation Grammar focus, information texts Y5 – Highway man (Poetry focus, monologues, narrative and newspaper reports)	Dilemmas Commentaries Quotes
Maths	Arithmetic and reasoning revision and preparation (Y6) Decimals and percentages (Y5) Position and direction (Y5) Measures (Y5)	Geometry and problem solving (Y6) Measures continued as well as geometry (Year 5)
Science	Light Evolution	Plants and living things SCI skills
Computing	Y5 – coding Y6- research	Y 6 coding and programming Y5 – computer networks
History	N/A	N/A
Geography	N/A	World Awareness Week
R.E.	Y5 - Understanding Christianity Salvation Y5-How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything? Hinduism Y6-Understanding Christianity Salvation	Y5 People of God or Gospel UKS2 Y6 Islam -Does belief in Akhirah (life after death) help Muslims lead good lives? Kingdom of God UKS2 Spirited Arts/ Spirited Poetry competition
Art & Design	World Awareness Week Malvern show- Y5 and Y6 Highwayman poetry art	Props & scenery Y6- Revelation natural art – computing link Spirited Arts/ Spirited Poetry competition
Design Technology	Carriage building – Y5 Y5 and 6 Make £5 grow	Props & scenery Y5- RAF Air Tattoo competition
P.E.	Mr Tanner	Mr Tanner
Music		Year 5- Charanga-Dancing in the street Year 6- Charanga-You've got a friend
P.H.S.C.E.	Environmental education Staying safe online	Ready, Steady, Go! – transition SRE (Y6) World Awareness Week
French	Y5 Hobbies Y6 Where we live	
Wow Events	Y6 Residential Trip	Y5 Residential Trip Sports Week World Awareness Week
Community Links	Y5- Water Aid cake sale- twinning toilets	Y5 & Y6 production Year 6 Leavers' service World Awareness Week Year 6 Church service
SMSC development	Water Aid- twinning toilets Forest School	World Awareness Week Forest School

	Christian Aid week	Spirited Arts/ Spirited Poetry competition
Other Dates	Forest School Year 6 residential	Year 5 residential World Awareness week Forest School Year 6 leavers' Church service