

Autumn Term Curriculum Newsletter



Year 5 and 6 - The Upper Phase

Welcome back to a new school year. This newsletter will inform you about the curriculum your child will be learning over the next term. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. We are all very excited about the fun learning that we have in place for the next term and we look forward to sharing it with you!

The Upper Phase Team

Mrs Medcraft, Mr Morris, Mrs Davie and Miss Powell

Literacy

In Literacy this term children will read and write using the following genres of writing as a model;

- Narrative
- Recounts
- Poetry

Children will read around each genre and be taught the success criterion for producing writing in this form.

Children will have the opportunity in 'Big Writing' to create a piece of extended writing in the style of the genre studied. Children will complete reading comprehension exercises around the genre studied and receive discreet vocabulary and punctuation lessons to improve their own writing.

Maths

Over the next term the children will be looking at the following areas of maths:

- Written methods for addition
- Written methods for subtraction
- Discovering properties of 2D and 3D shapes
- Reading and telling the time – solving problems using calendars and timetables
- Finding and continuing number patterns and sequences
- Written methods for multiplication (grid method)
- Written methods for subtraction (number line, chunking, short division)
- Finding Factors and multiples of a number
- We will also be using all of the skills above and apply them to real life settings.

Creative Curriculum

Over the next term we will be studying the topic 'Disasters'. This topic will involve researching different natural and man-made disasters that have occurred over the last 100 years. We will look closely at disasters such earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions and floodings, attempting to understand what causes these disasters and the effect that they have. Furthermore, we will be studying how disasters can be prevented. The children will have the opportunity to participate in their own 'survival day' learning to empathise with those that have endured a natural disaster. We will also look at a historic UK disaster: The Great Fire of London and will base this term's Art around this historical event.

Furthermore, the children will also be enhancing their Literacy and ICT skills, researching using the internet and presenting their information in an organised and visual way.

PE

Every Monday all children will participate in a 1 hour swimming lesson at the Xcel Leisure centre in Canley. This is led by a qualified swimming teacher. The children will then participate in a skilled sports session led by a qualified sports development coach.

Whoberley staff will also be there to supervise. This term the children will be taking part in **Sportshall Athletics** and also **Rhythmic Gymnastics**.

Music

Every week your child will be taking part in a 1 hour music session led by a qualified teacher from the performing arts services. This year Year 5 will be learning to play the steel drums and Year 6 will be looking more closely at learning to read music in order to play the guitar.

Homework

Your child will be given a piece of Literacy and Maths homework, to be completed in their books, once a week. They will also be given weekly spellings and times table practice as well as a topic grid to complete over a term.

Your child should read for 15 minutes every day and their home/school diary must be signed every day.

Please could you sign your child's home/school diary every Friday to confirm that you have acknowledged the homework set that week.

All diaries will be checked every Monday to ensure that homework has been correctly written in the books and Parents have signed.