



Where children come first

Thursday 19th December 2024

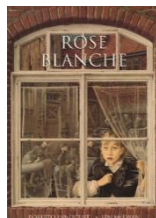
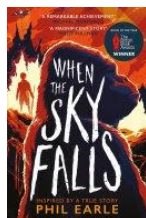
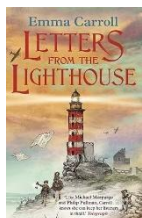
UKS2 Spring Newsletter

We had a busy end to autumn term and the children loved our second topic of 'Space – To Infinity and Beyond.' The topic was brought to a close by the visiting Cosmodome where the children were taken on a tour through the galaxy! We were also delighted to welcome so many of you into school for our Make and Take sessions. We were thrilled with the end results of our constellation sewing – we really couldn't have done it without you!

This Term

We are all looking forward to our next topic - 'A Child's War'. Within this topic, the children will be looking at a local historical study past 1066 and focusing on the question 'What was it like to be a child in a war?' This will be the focus of learning across spring 1 and spring 2. You will receive a knowledge organiser, showing you the main areas the children will be looking at and we will be in touch after Christmas with details of an exciting trip to enhance our learning.

The following texts will be used to support our learning this term.



Supporting your child at home

As you know, we don't set formal homework each week, but we do ask that you support us with some learning at home. We feel that it is really important that the children get into good habits with home learning as well as giving you an opportunity to see how they are progressing in different areas of the curriculum.




Regular Reading.

Your child should have a reading book that they bring home each day in their reading folder. We ask that the children, or you, make at least 3 entries into their reading records so that we can track how they are getting on. They can also go on Reading Plus at home.



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<p>Regular Times Tables Practice All of the children in Year 5 and 6 have taken the Multiplication Check at the end of Year 4 and everyone worked really hard towards it. In order to stay secure with times tables, we know that is it important to revisit them often. TT Rock Stars remains a fantastic way for them to practise.</p>	
<p>Learning Spellings Each child will be set 10 spellings from the weekly spelling lists for Year 5 and 6 which will be given in the yellow spelling books which the children keep in their reading folders. You can practise them for the weekly test in any way that is helpful.</p>	
<p>Learning by Questions Each child will have regular access to this learning platform via their Chromebook in school. They will use this to enhance their learning across the curriculum. It's an interactive resource that identifies progress the children are making and a fun learning tool too. Individual learning tasks will be set each week for homework in Year 5 and 6 from the Spring Term onwards.</p>	

PE Days

Please see the chart below for your child's PE days:

5SH	Thursday and Friday
5YT	Thursday and Friday
5CD	Thursday and Friday
6KG	Thursday
6LS	Thursday

Celebration Assemblies

We use our weekly assemblies to praise and celebrate the children's achievements in a variety of ways. Certificates are awarded to children who demonstrate our school virtues, do well at times tables and 'level up' in Reading Plus. It is also nice to celebrate children's achievements outside of school and we encourage children to tell us so we can also share it in assembly. We also use assemblies to remind children about the importance of good attendance.



Key events – coming up!

Further information will be sent out in due course but here is an overview of what is to come:

- World Book Day - Thursday 6th March
- Parents' Evening – Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March (5SH on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th)
- Year 6 Maths Engage Week – w/b 24th March



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How can I keep up to date with everything?

Please keep a look out for Marvellous Me notifications where we will continue to celebrate successes and notify you of any further updates. Letters and updates will be emailed and the school Facebook page is regularly updated too. We're all available for a quick chat in the playground after school should you need to catch us but we know many Year 5 and 6 parents do not regularly drop off or collect their children so please contact the office to share any queries or worries you/your child may have.

Thank you for your continued support and as ever, please do not hesitate to approach us with anything you need.

Kind regards,

Mrs Sweeney (Year 5&6 Phase Leader) and the UKS2 team.



Mrs Sweeney
6LS



Mrs Gudgeon
6KG



Mrs Douglas
5CD



Mrs Thompson
5YT



Mrs Hill
5SH



Mr Griffiths
5SH Tues
6KG Wed

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