



Dragon Newsletter for Terms 1 and 2

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed some warm weather. We have had a fantastic start to term and it has been lovely getting to know your children. They have come back into school with enthusiastic and positive attitudes! Here is a taste of what we will be learning over the next two terms:

In Maths , we will be learning about...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Problem solving● Place value● Number● Calculation (addition and subtraction)● Fractions, decimals and percentages● Measures- perimeter, area and volume <p>Most of the Year 6 children will be taught maths by Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Price. The Year 5s will be taught by Mr Backett on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and by Mrs Murdoch on a Thursday. This is to enable smaller classes and also to support the year 6s to prepare for SATs.</p>
In English , we will be learning about...	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Narrative- diary entries and recounts, story writing● Non-chronological reports● Poetry● We will be reading 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll which links to our topic work
In Science , we will be learning about...	<p>Science will be taught in year groups this year. Year 5 will be taught by Mrs Langer. Year 6 will be taught by Mr Backett.</p> <p>Year 6</p>

	<p>1) Electricity and Circuits. 2) Understanding evolution and inheritance.</p> <p>Year 5</p> <p>1) Life Cycles. 2) Earth and Space.</p>
In ICT , we will be learning about...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Esafety - effective online searching. • Media
In R.E. we will be learning about...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What matters most to Christians and Humanists?
In French we will be learning about...	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding and using numbers to 50. • Vocabulary about time (including days of the week and months of the year). • Describing places and holidays, giving preferences. • Understanding and using a greater range or regular and irregular verbs.
In CLJ , we will be learning about...	<p>The Second World War</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • History - Impact of WW2, people, key events, how it affected life and culture. • Geography – identifying countries in Europe and countries affected by war, Interpreting images and maps of Bristol/ London before and after Blitz. • Art/ICT – making WW2 posters, sketching WW2 scenes. • DT – making gas masks.
Also...	<p>PE will be taught on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon for term 1 & 2, although it would be helpful if all children could ensure that they have P.E. kit in school in case there are any unforeseen changes. Please ensure that your child has the correct P.E. kit and that they are able to remove any jewellery that they have on (or provide tape for earrings for recently pierced ears). Some of these lessons will be led by the sports coaches, as they were last year. This term they will be doing netball and dance.</p>

	<p>Trip: As per the recent letter, Class 5 will be visiting the Steam Museum in Swindon as part of our CLJ topic on Tuesday 25th September. They will need to be dressed as a child from WW2 as we will be undertaking evacuation and air raid experiences on the day. They also need to bring in a box to make their gas mask as soon as possible.</p>
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Home Learning:

Area of learning	When and what will be sent home	When and what needs to be handed back in/how this will be checked
Spelling	As last year, Key Stage 2 children will be split into smaller spelling groups for half an hour on a Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning. Spellings that your child has been focusing on will be sent home regularly.	Spellings will be regularly assessed in the spelling lessons.
Reading	This is an ongoing activity that we would anticipate children do 5 out of 7 days a week. This is both independent reading and reading aloud to an adult.	When your child reads independently, please encourage them to fill in a section in their reading record. When your child has read to you or another adult please write this in their reading journal. We would ask you to ask questions about the texts to help develop the children's comprehension skills.
English and CLJ	At the beginning of terms 1, 3 and 5, your child will be given an open ended project to complete based on their CLJ topic. Ideas for activities will be provided. At the beginning of terms 2, 4 and 6, your child will be given an extended piece of writing to complete. This could be related either to the CLJ topic or the Literacy topic. This will be sent out next week.	The class teacher will provide a date for the projects to be back in; this will be towards the end of a term.
Maths	Ongoing times tables and corresponding division facts to recall at speed. By the end of year 3 , children need to know 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10x tables.	Times tables assessments to be completed in class.

	By the end of year 4 , children need to know all the times tables to 12.	
Maths	Each week, an arithmetic test will be sent home. The correct answers will also be given so that you can work with you child to support them in answering the questions and mark their questions with them.	Your children will bring the test home every Tuesday and we would like them to be handed in the following Tuesday.