



Upper Key Stage 2 Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2017

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Welcome to Upper Key Stage Two.

Welcome back to school for the autumn term, which is always a very busy but enjoyable term! The children have settled in well to their new classrooms and have begun the school year with enthusiasm and a readiness to learn. All the pupils have made a fantastic effort to wear the correct uniform and a big thank you to our parents and families for ensuring this. The impact of having the correct uniform and PE kit is huge and sets a level of high expectations across the school. Below we have listed the days where Year Five and Six pupils require their PE and swimming kits and we ask that you make every effort possible to ensure your child brings in the correct kit on the correct days. Upper Key Stage Two consists of four classes, two in Year Six and two in Year Five. Mr Cotton, Miss Topping and Mrs McNally are working with Year Six in their final year at OLI. They are already working extremely hard with the pupils to ensure that they are supported and challenged appropriately in the lead up to their SAT tests in May 2018. Ms Roberts continues her work in Year Six and we are delighted to welcome back Miss Stinson, who returns after the birth of her daughter, Florence. Mr Garth and Mr Fairclough, along with Miss Gallagher and Miss Logan are working with Year Five this year.

Teachers:

Mr Cotton - Year Six
Miss Topping - Year Six
Mrs McNally - Year Six
Mr Garth - Year Five
Mr Fairclough - Year Five

Learning support assistants:

Ms Roberts – Year Six
Miss Stinson – Year Six
Miss Logan – Year Five
Miss Gallagher – Year Five



Music

Miss Hardwick, from Resonate Music Hub at Notre Dame, will once again be working with the children during music lessons. Miss Topping's and Mr Fairclough's classes will have lessons during the first half term, with Mr Cotton's and Mr Garth's after October half term. They will work on a number of musical skills, such as listening & appraising and composing & performing with a number of different instruments.

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Home activities

- ☺ Reading
- ☺ Revise on iPod & iPad
- ☺ Home/School Maths Booklet
- ☺ Practice times tables

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Colomendy - September 2017

46 pupils from Year Six will visit Kingswood Colomendy in North Wales on the 27th September 2017 for our annual residential trip. This will be a great opportunity for them to experience a range of exciting outdoor activities and to develop a sense of independence. We hope the children will demonstrate a sense of independence, team work and have-a-go attitude. Check out the school website for photographs after the trip.

ICT—Computing Curriculum

This term Mrs Bowcock will be teaching ICT to Mr Garth and Mr Cotton's class. The lessons are interactive and held in our media suite. The children started their learning by deciding ICT rules for the whole school to adhere to. The children's rules will be displayed in the media suite.

Swimming and PE

Year Five and Six began their swimming lessons at Everton Park this week. These are extremely important lessons in our aim of all children being able to swim at least 25m confidently by the end of Year Six.

Please ensure your child brings the correct kit each Thursday:

Girls: One-piece swimming costume, swimming cap and a towel.

Boys: Tight-fitting shorts and a towel.

Children are also allowed to wear goggles and can bring a healthy snack and drink to take to the baths.

Children in Year Five and Six will also have dance lessons, with Adele, on Fridays. All pupils are expected to bring their school PE kit in a bag to get changed into before the lesson.

Reading at Home and in School

Reading has across Year Five and Six improved greatly last year and we hope to see this continue throughout this academic year. Pupils are involved in one-hour reading lessons each day, with short sessions allocated for independent reading and reading for pleasure throughout the week. Every child has been given a reading record and new reading book from our book-banded levelled library. This book should be read at home for 10-15mins each night and then evidenced through a comment and signature in their reading record. We are happy for children to comment on their own reading at times, but do ask that parents check and sign as well. This will aid teachers and learning support assistants when they read each child's record every morning and allows us to have a communication link specifically for reading. Reading continues to be an important focus for the children this year. Pupils will take part in guided reading and reciprocal reading sessions throughout the week.



MFL—Spanish Curriculum

On Fridays, our pupils have Spanish lessons with Gina, a native Spanish speaker, who will build upon their previous knowledge of speaking phrases and sentences into written work, which focuses on composition of sentences and spelling.

Summer Subjects and Topics

Come and See

Topics which will be covered in the autumn term are:

Year Five: Family: Ourselves; Belonging: Life choices; Judaism; Advent: Loving Hope.

Year Six: Family: Loving; Belonging: Vocation & commitment; Judaism; Loving: Expectations.



Literacy

Y5 – Novels and stories by significant children's authors (Roald Dahl – with a focus on *The BFG*) and Legends.

Y6 – Biographies, autobiographies, and persuasive writing.

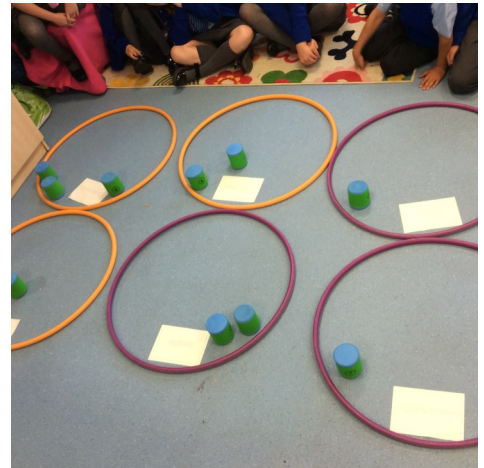
We have allocated part of the Year Five and Six timetable on focused work to develop children's understanding of grammar, punctuation and spelling. These skills will also be interwoven into other areas of the curriculum.

Maths

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These are some of the areas the children will be covering in numeracy this term:

- Mental Arithmetic
- Times tables
- Place value
- Formal written methods
- Fractions, decimals and percentages



Science

Year Five: *Earth & Space; Habitats.*

Year Six: *Evolution & Inheritance; Scientist study – Charles Darwin*

Geography and History

Year Five: *Why is Brazil in the news again? How can we rediscover the wonder of Ancient Egypt?*

Year Six: *I'm a Year Six pupil get me out of here! Were the Vikings always victorious and vicious?*

Handwriting and Presentation

Presentation/handwriting

As always, the school puts a significant focus on presentation and handwriting throughout the curriculum. We demand high quality presentation of children's work, in all subjects, and help them to improve through a new handwriting scheme – letter-join. Our aim is that all children in Key Stage Two are writing in a joined, cursive style as soon as possible. On occasions, we will be sending handwriting homework and are happy for parents/carers to support their child with these tasks. An excellent website that parents can access to support their child is: www.teachhandwriting.co.uk

Homework

Children in Year Five will receive homework on a regular basis – at least twice per week, and are expected to read at home for at least 10-15 minutes each night. These activities support and reinforce their learning in school. Parents can support the school by helping their children with these tasks and ensuring that tasks are brought back into school by the designated time.

Year Six will be given written homework on Mondays and Tuesdays, to be returned the following day. For the remainder of the week they will be required to spend at least 15 minutes reading. Staff would appreciate if parents could sign children's planners on a daily basis, to confirm homework has been completed. Children should spend no longer than 30 minutes on each homework task. Children are invited to access our homework club which is held every Thursday at 3.30pm. This is a valuable opportunity for children to complete homework tasks in a calm and quiet environment, with the support of Mr. Southworth. Children attending the club are welcome to bring a snack. Children can be collected at 4.15pm at the main school office.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Girls in Year 5 and 6 have the opportunity to take part in football sessions after school with Jamie Carragher Soccer School on Thursdays from 3:30pm. After last year's very successful football season, Mr Fairclough is looking at organising fixtures for this year's boys and girls league competitions. The cross country season is upon us as well and Mr Garth is looking to build on an experienced team from last year. If your child is interested in football or cross country, please see Mr Fairclough or Mr Garth and we will endeavour to get as many children involved as possible. We also look to any parents or family members that can support with transport arrangements, particularly for the cross-country. If your child is competing for the school and you have the availability to help out, please speak to Mr Garth.

Dates for your Diary

- Year 6 Colomendy Trip: Wednesday 27th – Friday 29th September 2017
- Half term: Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2017
- Autumn term ends: Thursday 21st December 2017 (School re-opens on January 8th 2018)

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