



# Year 5 Newsletter



Autumn 1  
2017

## Welcome to Year 5!

First and foremost, we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Upper Key Stage Two.

### Staff

The Y5 team will consist of Miss Ellis, Miss Middleton, and Miss Lee, who is new to Birley. In class, we will be supported by Mrs East. As a staff team, our priority is to work closely with our parents to ensure that every child achieves their full potential as the Key Stage Two SATs, taken in Y6, become ever closer. At any point of the year, if you have any concerns or would wish to discuss how your child is doing in class, then please contact the school office and make an appointment to speak with your child's class teacher.

### Timetable

As before, children should line up to be collected from the yard at 8:40am in preparation for the start of the school day at 8:45am. In the mornings, children will participate in Reading lessons, Maths and Literacy on a daily basis. The afternoons will focus on our topic learning and will incorporate aspects of history, geography, ICT, music, art, DT, RE and French. The school day will end at 3:15pm, when children should be collected from the yard by an adult from home.

## Our First Topic

Our first topic is titled 'Terrible Tudors'. To deepen our children's understanding, we have posed three questions which the children will answer during the first half term. These are:

1. Henry VIII—Hero or Villain?
2. Can you produce a Tudor portrait that Bess of Hardwick would be proud to hang on her wall?
3. How would your childhood be different if you was a child born in 1555?

To enhance the children's understanding of Tudor times, we will be undertaking a visit to a Tudor site. More details of this will follow shortly.

## Home learning

Home learning will be given out every Friday and will be expected to be returned by the following Thursday morning. On Friday, to clear up any remaining misconceptions, we will mark and discuss the home-learning. It is therefore extremely important that all children have at least attempted the activity.

Learning times tables is an integral part of maths in Y5. All children will be assessed on their current knowledge and may subsequently bring home a times table zapper.

## Wider Opportunities

A third of the year group will benefit from a year of free music tuition provided by the Sheffield Music Hub and subsidised by school. The children will learn how to play simple tunes on a brass or woodwind instrument, how to read musical notation and how to perform as part of an ensemble.

## P.E

The children will undertake 1 and a half hours of P.E taught in 2 separate lessons as follows:

**Indoor PE:** Thursday Afternoon

**Outdoor PE:** Friday Afternoon

In year 5, boys and girls get changed in separate rooms for P.E. Children who do not bring suitable P.E. kit will have to choose something from our spare kit box. P.E. is a statutory part of the curriculum and **children will not be excused from lessons unless they bring an appropriate letter giving a valid reason.**

## Kit Requirements:

Children are to wear a plain coloured T-shirt in the colour of their house team, plain shorts or plain tracksuit (during winter months). Plimsolls are to be worn for Indoor P.E. and trainers are to be worn for Outdoor P.E. Children should bring the kit to school every Monday and take it home on Friday if needed for washing.

**No items of jewellery must be worn for P.E.**

## Summer Holidays

We very much hope that you enjoy the summer holidays and we look forward to welcoming you and your child back for an exciting year ahead.

The Year 5 Team

### **Autumn 1 - The Tudors**

We will be learning about all aspects of Tudor life and recreating the drama of the Battle of Bosworth. Are you house of York or Lancaster? Our text for this half term is 'My friend Walter' by Michael Morpurgo, which we will use as inspiration for our own historical stories. We will also stage our own debates focussed on the struggles within the Tudor royal family, which will lead us into writing persuasively.



### **Autumn 2 - Mexico**

We will be learning about the geography and culture of this fascinating and diverse country. We will be celebrating the 'Day of the Dead' festival and making our very own Mexican feast. We will also be learning about The Aztec civilisation.

### **Spring 1 - That's Capital**

In this topic, we use maps to locate and research capital cities around the world, before exploring the history, politics and geography of London. We make our own 3-d models of London landmarks and become detectives as we read the novel, "The London-Eye Mystery".

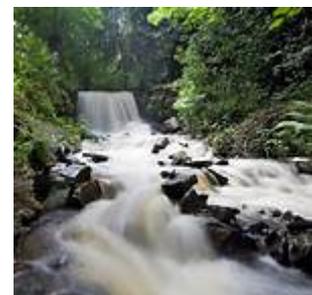


### **Spring 2 - Ancient Greece**

We will be reading a range of myths and learning about the Ancient Greek gods, before applying this knowledge to our own writing. We will be preparing a Greek meal and writing our own Greek quest myth.

### **Summer 1 - Raging Rivers**

From the Amazon to our 5 Sheffield rivers, we will research the features of rivers and learn about their place in the water cycle. In our English lessons, we will read 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We hope to visit Endcliffe park where we carry out some fieldwork in and around the River Porter (wellingtons essential!)



### **Summer 2 - Outlaws**

In English, our text will be 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will research how opinions of outlaws have changed over time and find out about some of the most famous outlaws. We will be learning about Human Biology in science Within this topic, we will be learning about the changes that occur during puberty.