

William Shrewsbury Primary School

Year 5 and 6 Autumn Newsletter



Extra-Curricular Activities available for Year 5 and 6

This section is usually jam packed with lots of sporting events for our pupils to join in with during the school week and the end of the school day, and we know that it is important for parents too. Acting under the most recent guidance, we are still unable to offer after school sports clubs. As soon as this guidance changes, we hope to be able to offer after school sports clubs as usual. Please bear with us.

PSHE

The children will be receiving more PSHE lessons as the year progresses, so we can help them to better understand the world and how to deal with the worries which they will obviously have.

Changes to Y5 and Y6 Staff

There are a couple of changes to our department this year. We would like to welcome Miss Brough, a teacher trainee who will be with us for a year. Miss Brough will be working with Mr Randles, as well as new teacher assistants (who will be supporting children across the department), Miss Fortin-Tobin and Mrs Salt and Mrs Shaw. Mr Watson is returning to work with Mrs Wellman and her class. It is great to have new staff in the department and we look forward to working with them to continue to produce a stimulating and challenging curriculum for our children, creating an environment in which they can thrive.

Dear Parents

Welcome to our 2020 - 2021 school year.

Our Year 5 and 6 children have started this new academic year really well and are doing a brilliant job of coming into school smartly dressed and ready to learn. They are tackling the unique situation presented to us all in these challenging times.

Thank you for your support with helping them deal with this.

School Council

New School Council members are currently being selected for this year to join our School Council Leaders. They are very important and responsible jobs and members will be consulted on a variety of issues throughout the school. Our School Council was very successful last year, making key decisions on playground improvements and equipment as well as helping to support a variety of events and developments around school. We will be using their excellent ideas to continue to make improvements this academic year.

Simple areas you can also assist us with are to ensure the following: shirts are tucked in; ties are on properly (for Y6 children) and *children know how to tie them*; no flesh-coloured tights; only simple stud earrings and no other jewellery except a watch; no coloured nail varnish and make-up.

Thank you so much for your continued support.

M. Randles



Keep us warm

Games Clothing

The weather has been fairly kind to us so far, but soon children will need suitable warm clothing for games and club days (when they resume) and trainers and boots for rugby or football. Please help your child by checking the days they need different kit. In cold weather, we encourage the children to wear hats and gloves during games lessons. Indoor PE is not

currently taking place, but when it does, please can children wear a white t-shirt and white shorts. Please can all this clothing be labelled too!

Thank you.

Year 6 Games - Tuesday pm
Year 6 PE - Wed. (6R/6B) Fri. (6G)

Year 5 Games - Monday pm
Year 5 PE - Tuesday and Thursday

WATER IS COOL IN SCHOOL

Please remember that **we want water** in school for pupils to have a drink in class as long as the bottle has a safe non-spill top. In order to ensure that every child is treated equally, please could we ask that it is only water in the bottle and not squash. Thank you.



Spill proof, fully recyclable bottles please!

How does drinking water improve learning?

The key to boosting your capacity to learn is to keep well hydrated throughout the day.

When we are thirsty, mental performance deteriorates by 10%. Pupils concentrate better because they are not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability.

Reading in Year 6

Year 6 have been given Reading Journals to record the books they have read. The children are also expected to record the pages read as they read the book. Please encourage your child to read a variety of texts regularly - reading for 20 minutes a day means that they will have read (on average) 1.8 million words by the time they leave year 6!

Year 5 & 6 Outdoor Education Centre

Year 5 and 6 Outdoor Education Centre visits

Unfortunately, due to the Covid outbreak, it is not currently safe enough for us to take your children to the outdoor education centres. Our planned visits to Shugborough (Y6) and Standon Bowers (Y5) have therefore been cancelled.



Your child's teacher is taking every possible opportunity to use the outdoor spaces of the school to give your child some outdoor activities. In Year 5 for example, the children will have an entire outdoor day in which they will: build dens, solve problems and take part in a camp fire experience.



Fire Station Visit

Year 5 will be using an online resource from Burton Fire and Rescue to help them stay safe in everyday surroundings

Children's responsibilities in Y6

The children in Year 6 usually have prefect responsibilities, play leader jobs and other sensible roles across the school. As we are currently living in class bubbles, we cannot yet begin these roles. When it is safe to do so, the children will start their exciting roles and responsibilities. These new roles give the children confidence, self-belief and it will also (hopefully) help them to be punctual and prepared!

AFWS Autumn and Christmas Discos

Currently, we cannot host discos, but will do so as soon as we are able.



Year 5 responsibilities

The Year 5 children also get the chance to show how responsible they are. Children will have their own classroom roles which could include being a monitor for certain books, equipment or resources. They will only carry out these roles where we feel we can keep them safe.



School Trips

Our usual offer of school trips has been scaled down for obvious reasons, but if you are lucky enough to have some spare time, perhaps a couple of hours, you might consider coming along on one of our trips when they resume. We do need parent help to ensure we have enough adults for safe supervision of our children when on a trip. Events outside school in Y5/6 include: River Dove walk and bowls club lesson (Y5), Y6 summer treat. Please let the school office know if you can spare some of your valuable time. Thank you!

Topics pupils will study this Autumn:

Year 5 Topics

Stig of the Dump
The Pearl Diver
Local History / Ancient Greece
Changes of State
Pantomime
Anti-bullying
E-Safety

Year 6 Topics

Moondial
A Christmas Carol
The Age of Change - Victorians
PSHE New Beginnings/ E-Safety
Victorians - Pumping Station Visit (30th September)
Electricity/ Forces
DT: Torches
William Morris



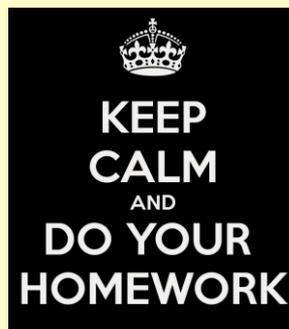
Times Tables

By the end of Year 4, children should know their times tables up to 12x12. Please encourage your child to practice tables at home, including division facts, as this knowledge greatly improves confidence during maths lessons. It also makes many other maths subject areas much easier!
Don't forget TT Rock stars too!

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3	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24	27	30	33	36
4	4	8	12	16	20	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
5	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	55	60
6	6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	60	66	72
7	7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	70	77	84
8	8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	80	88	96
9	9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	90	99	108
10	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120
11	11	22	33	44	55	66	77	88	99	110	121	132
12	12	24	36	48	60	72	84	96	108	120	132	144

Home/school contact

Please use the class email system for updating teaching staff about things which might have affected your child that you feel we should know about. Please contact the school office for all absences. Thank you.



Christmas Services

Usually, Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas assemblies are held at School. At the moment, it is unlikely that we will be able to offer the opportunity for parents/grandparents to come into school to watch a service. Year groups cannot currently mix together. If this changes, we will of course inform parents

Reminder:

Please ensure that your child does not arrive at school too early in the morning. If they arrive before their allotted time it creates a bottle neck where more people might have to congregate. We are doing our absolute best to help keep the whole community safe by socially distancing as much as possible. Thank you so much for your support with this.
Stay safe!

Homework in Year 6 will be a piece of English and Maths each week as well as regular reading and spellings to learn for a weekly test. Homework will be linked to work covered in school so it is essential that pupils complete this part of their learning.

Each Maths set teacher will set their own homework for their class. This will be linked to class work and will assist in the child's learning. Occasionally, they will be given a longer piece to research over a week or two linked to our topics.

Homework in Year 5 will include English, Maths and some spellings every week and sometimes links to other subjects as they occur throughout the year.

Homework this term, and most likely for the rest of this year, will be on the Google classroom platform. Other online resources will include Education city, TT Rockstars and Espresso coding. Your child knows their password for these sites and has used them in school!

*Your child might choose to complete this homework in an old exercise book or notebook, or even save it and then submit it on the Google drive classroom section. **No paper copies of homework should be returned to school!** Thank you for **your support with this.***