



Year 5 & 6 Curriculum News



After a relaxing Easter holidays the children are all back and ready to start an jam-packed summer term. The Year 6 children will continue preparing for their SATs, while Year 5 will become more proficient in their core skills and develop their knowledge in wider areas of the curriculum. We are going to be reading Lemony Snicket stories, to inspire our writing. We are looking forward to an exciting term with lots of new learning, new experiences and developing our teamwork and friendship.

Times Tables

It is vitally important that your child knows their Times Tables facts without having to count on their fingers. We are using them a lot in maths and so quick recall of them and related facts will greatly improve your child's progress during lessons.

We recommend practising little and often. Writing them down, chanting them, playing online games, using Mangahigh are all great ways to improve speed and recall. Your child should be able to say facts at random and also know related facts.

E.g.

$$7 \times 6 = 42 \quad 42 \div 6 = 7 \quad 42 \div 7 = 6 \quad 4200 \div 6 = 700 \quad 0.6 \times 0.7 = 4.2$$



Home Learning

Year 5

Home Learning will continue in the same format this term. Please remember we would like your child to spend at least 10 minutes on Mangahigh each week.



Year 6

Until SATs the children will continue with their CGP books in preparation for their tests.

After a well-earned break, Year 6 will begin to receive Home Learning, for particular subjects, which will need to be handed in, on a given day in a certain lesson. We hope this will help to prepare them for the transition to secondary school.

Educational Visits

Year 5

Askham Bryan Wildlife Park - Friday 15th June 2018



The children will be learning about the differences in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.

Year 6

Thornwick Bay—Friday 15th June 2018

This trip will support the children's learning in science—looking at classification of both animals and plants. Whilst part of the trip will also help the children to understand about coastal erosion.



World Cup



To support the up-and-coming World Cup and our studies of South America, we will be learning all about the similarities and differences between South American countries and our own country, in both human and physical geography.

If you have visited any of the South American countries and have photographs, artefacts or information, please feel free to send it in with your child.

As part of art, we will be making flags for the South American countries, using textiles. If you have any expertise you would be willing to share please contact one of the Year 5/6 team.

Detective Stories



We will be reading some Lemony Snicket stories, as we mentioned earlier, to inspire the children to write their own short detective stories. To help them with this, it would be good if you could play the game Cluedo as a family, to help them understand how clues and evidence can be gathered.

You could also encourage your child to read some of the 'Famous Five' by Enid Blyton, 'Secret Seven' by Enid Blyton or 'The Diamond Brothers' by Anthony Horowitz.

Enterprise Project

We are still searching for entrepreneurial parents, who would be willing to share their experiences, ideas and knowledge, with the children, before they embark on their project.

We are looking for parents to talk about:

- Budgeting
- Profit/Loss
- Idea generating

Please contact one of the Year 5/6 team if you are able to offer any help or advise to our budding entrepreneurs!

You never know we may have the next Alan Sugar in our midst.



Spring Roll Taste Testing Monday 23rd April

Next week, parents are invited to a Year 5/6 taste testing event to sample our spring rolls and look at our amazing instruction writing. The children have been through the full market research and design process to come up with their group recipes which they would value your feedback on.

We would love to see you all.

