

Spring and Summer Newsletter

March 2022 Year 5/6

We're now just over half way through the academic year and this newsletter is to inform you about what is coming up for the children in year 5 and 6.

Knowledge Mats: We have key concepts linked to our topics that we want the children to remember called 'sticky knowledge'. We will introduce new units with a knowledge mat for the children to be introduced to the vocabulary we shall be using in each unit, as well as facts they should know. Please help your child to read these mats and recall knowledge from them. Any extra research done at home will be very much welcomed in school, we will be delighted to see it!

Topic: This summer term we will be learning about World War II. We shall be looking at the causes of it and how the British public managed during this period of time. A themed day in school will take place so we can recreate what life would have been like for children during this time.

Science and PHSE: Through the Summer term we shall be studying 'Evolution and Inheritance' looking at the characteristics that follow through a family and how animals evolve to adapt to their environments. In PHS, the school follows the Curriculum4Life programme developed by RCBC and Public Health South Tees. The year 5s will be looking at how alcohol affects health, the year 6s will be looking at drug awareness. The year 6s will be attending 'Crucial Crew' which is an annual event held by the local authority looking at real-life situations and how to deal with them such as house fires, dangers from electrical sub-stations, healthy eating and the dangers of playing by railway tracks to name a few. This event has been cancelled due to Covid 19 for the last two years, so we are hoping that it will run this year as this is a valuable experience for the children. On Tuesday 17th May the school nurse team will be visiting for to deliver the growing up talk to the Year 6

children and for the year 5 girls a talk on puberty.

RE: We will continue to develop our understanding of our spirituality and we will be discussing what Christ's sacrifice means to Christians during the period of Lent. The children will have opportunity to discuss how Christians live their lives in gratitude for this sacrifice and how they can serve, not just at Easter, but always. We will explore the themes of prejudice and discrimination, particularly in our changing world. We will be revisiting Buddhism and reflecting on the prayers we made on prayer flags back in September and January. The children will make suggestions about how we could apply Buddhist teachings to our own lives and we will hope to fit in another spot of meditation as we all found it so relaxing!

As always, our Christian values will underpin all learning in RE and the children are encouraged to make links between Bible stories and our current topics

Reading: Please continue to hear your child read at home, or sign their book if they have read independently. Ideally, the children will be reading at least three times a week at home. There are a range of prizes they can win based on the number of times they have read at home, and it will also help them progress through our whole school reading chart.

PE: Every Tuesday and Friday your child will need to bring their PE kits into school which is a pair of trainers, a pair of shorts/jogging bottoms and a T shirt. Please can you ensure your child has the necessary kit and that if they require an inhaler that they have it with them. For when the weather improves, please make sure that your child has suncream on them or with them to apply when necessary.

Swimming: We have now moved onto the year 5s swimming on a Thursday afternoon

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and we are continuing to work through this large cohort so they can swim 25 metres before they leave St. Peter's. For the children attending, letters will be forwarded to parents via Parent Mail.



Homework: On Tuesdays your child will receive their Literacy homework which is due in on Wednesday. On Wednesday they will receive Numeracy homework which is due in on Thursday. On a Friday they will receive both Literacy and Numeracy homework which is due in the following Monday.

Spellings: In Miss Foster's literacy classes spellings are given out on a Monday, which they will be tested on a Friday. Mrs Boag's receive theirs on a Friday, for a test on the following Friday.

It is important that your child completes the homework set as it supports the work that they do in class. Please contact any of the teaching staff if there are any problems with the homework that has been set.

MFC Foundation: We are delighted to say that all three classes will be working with MFC Foundation to complete a **10 week Careers and Enterprise programme**. This programme provides pupils with a core programme of learning, focusing on careers and enterprise topics. Aiming to enhance the life, career and employment chances of every child in the Tees Valley. This is starting just before the Easter holidays.

MFC Foundation supporting transition: For those children who are going to attend Freebrough Academy, they are currently being supported by a member of staff from

MFC Foundation, who will go on to support them for their first six months at Freebrough to help them adjust and support them during transition. Mia, who is working alongside Mr Ormerod in PE on a Tuesday, is getting to know the children and this will lead onto more bespoke group work with the Freebrough children, later on in the term.

Online Safety: Please refer to the school's website for parent's guides on using apps, anything you are wanting more specific help with please contact Miss Foster who shall support you. PCSO Eric Barrett will be visiting the children on Wednesday 18th May to discuss the issues surrounding online safety- such as online bullying, age-relevant apps and video games, online gaming, spam emails and other issues that may occur when using the internet. There will also be a parent's meeting on Tuesday 5th July. Further details to follow.

Residential visit to Boggle Hole: As part of our SATs preparation, we shall be going to Boggle Hole for a weekend of SATs revision to help the children be as prepared as they can be for the SATs. This is from Friday 25th March- Sunday 27th March. We shall leave school after lunchtime on the Friday and be returning to school for 11am on the Sunday.



SATs: The SATs for the year 6 pupils will be starting on Monday 9th May 2022 with the SPAG test, Tuesday 10th May Reading, and Maths on the Wednesday 11th and Thursday

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12th May. Further details of a SATs breakfast for the year 6s will follow, along with a parents meeting to discuss the tests in greater detail. Details to follow in due course.

Transition: All secondary schools will be doing one weeks transition during the week beginning Monday 4th July. Schools will be in touch with pupils regarding any information parents or carers need. After this week of transition, the children are expected to return to St Peter's to finish the term in school.

Museum in the Classroom: As part of some exciting work being carried out across the Trust, the 'Museum in the Classroom' will be held by the year 6s on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th July on their return to us from their transition week. We shall base this on the Second World War topic, and will involve a group leading a 'room' in the museum. More details to follow, nearer the time.

As you can see, we have a lot planned with more to follow. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Foster, Mr Ormerod, Mrs Boag and Mrs Unthank.