

David Walliams Summer Newsletter 2019

We're on the home straight!

Welcome back and a Happy Easter to you all. I hope that you had a wonderful Easter break. The summer term is always one of preparation and excitement in the class as we build up towards the exam season, residential and the summer activities beyond. The children have already got off to a flying start!

This term, the Year 5 children will be enjoying their final few Widening Horizons visits including; a medical visit and a visit to the Peninsula Medical School before finishing with their very own graduation ceremony. The Year 6 children will initially be working hard in the final push towards the SATs exams before enjoying their final term together before leaving us for the new adventure of secondary school. I, along with the children will be meeting with many of the secondary school tutors in the coming weeks. This is a great opportunity for the children to ask any questions they might have so please support them with their queries so that they are prepared.

As you know, the class is now split for three mornings a week, with Mr Kaylor teaching the Year 5 children. We have found this way of working very beneficial however we are yet to finalise how we will split the class after the half term. I will of course keep you informed of any developments.

As a staff, we have been working together to redesign the school behaviour policy and Mr Dyson will be sharing this with you soon. If you have any questions regarding the new system or if you would like any further information about your child's learning, please get in touch.

Learning at Home

My thanks to all those who have taken the time to support the children with learning outside of the classroom through additional reading, homework and educational experiences. The impact that these opportunities have on the children's learning is substantial and makes all the difference with regards to confidence and accelerated learning within the classroom.

The children will soon be receiving their Summer Homework pack. (Year 6 will be slightly different) Please ensure that as much of this is completed as possible and that the children are given the time and resources needed to complete it to a high standard. If the children find any aspect of the homework overly challenging and you do not feel comfortable supporting them with this then there is a homework club on Tuesdays from 12:15–12:30 where I will point them in the right direction. Please ensure that all homework is completed and in school by the Friday of each week. Thank you for your support with this.



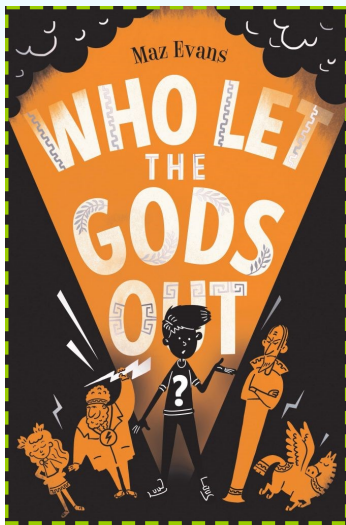
Exploring forces in one of our science lessons last term

Residential Update:

As you are aware, the residential on the 10th June is fast approaching. My thanks to those who have already paid for their child's place. For those yet to pay, please ensure that the £100 fee is paid either directly on ParentPay or to the school office as soon as possible.

The deadline has been extended to **FRIDAY 26th**





Our learning this term

Our topic this term is Ancient Greece. We will be exploring how this civilisation grew, its traditions and culture as well as the way it has shaped the world in which we live today. We are very excited to be holding an 'Ancient Greek' day later in the term! Stay tuned for more updates!

The topic theme is carried through our English lessons as we read part of the fantastic story 'Who Let The Gods Out?' by Maz Evans. The children will also be using putting Athenian democracy to good use in a persuasive piece of writing.

In mathematics this term, the Year 5 children will be focusing on developing their understanding of decimals whilst the Year 6 children will be focused on shape, problem solving and time.

In science, Mrs Rhodes will be teaching the children about materials and how these can be manipulated resulting in a change in their properties.

Finally, in RE we will explore the Easter story and how we can learn about forgiveness and new beginnings. We will be finishing the term with our Pentecost and Mission unit.

As always, If you have any resources or feel that you can in some way contribute to any of the learning this term, please get in touch.

End of Year Performance

I always like to end the school year with a bang and a crucial part of this is the Year 5/6 End of Year Performance. This is an amazing opportunity for the children to make some final memories together but it is also a great way of building confidence and self esteem that allows the children to leave for the summer with pride. Whilst I have not yet finalised which play we will perform this year, I will ensure that all the children are given a speaking part however please be advised that all key parts will be first offered to the Year 6 children.

Obviously a performance requires a lot of additional support and so I would ask that once the children have been given their part, you encourage and engage with their roles at home too.

We will be holding auditions in the last week of term so that all the children have their lines for the half term break. I will get more information to you closer to the time.

