



Year 5/6 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School
What will happen when all the natural resources run out?

Autumn Term

Welcome back everybody! The Year 5/6 teachers remain the same as last year and are looking forward to seeing you all over the coming days and weeks. Our new Year 5 children are making the big step up into upper Key Stage 2 and our Year 6's are now officially the eldest children and Burton Joyce Primary role models! Here we offer you a brief overview of our curriculum coverage for the autumn 1 half term and inform you of any key dates which have already been set.

English:

Whilst we will cover numerous genres of reading and writing over the half-term, arguably the standout work will orientate around a study of descriptive writing based on our class book of Goodnight Mr Tom. The children will also be exposed to other texts; we will unpick the qualities and structures in each of them and provide the children with the platform to produce high quality work of their own. At the start of English lessons, the children will continue to develop their grammatical knowledge. Whilst this is essential preparation for the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) SATs tests (for Year 6's), these sessions should also have a significant impact on the children's writing.

Reading:

Teachers and Teaching Assistants are reading with all pupils to ensure they are reading books with an appropriate level of challenge. The children have glued into their planners a modelled example for how they are to efficiently record the reading they do both in and out of school. At home, we are setting the children the task of reading at least 3 times per week (one of which should be with an adult). If they achieve this weekly reading target, their class teacher will sign their 'Reading Reward Chart' (in planners). Four teacher signatures = the bronze certificate. Eight teacher signatures = the silver award. Twelve teacher signatures = the GOLD award!

Maths:

Over the half-term, we will explore various units of work, which orientate around the updated White Rose scheme of work. The Year 5 pupils will develop their understanding of place value, addition & subtraction and statistics, whilst the Year 6 pupils will focus on place value and the four calculations.

ICT:

We will spend time re-enforcing the children's understanding of computer networks before moving on to recording, then analysing data.

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Reminder 1

All jumpers / school hoodies need to be clearly named.

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Reminder 2

Children **MUST** have their water bottles and coats with them in school every day.

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Reminder 3

PE could take place inside or outside so please make sure your child has all appropriate clothing and footwear.

Science:

Our focus will be on the topic of 'Light' and include a study of how light travels and how we use light in our everyday lives.

Geography:

Our umbrella topic is 'What will happen when all of the natural resources run out?' We will explore what natural resources are, where they are found around the world and how we use them in our everyday lives.

R.E.:

We will delve into a unit entitled 'Investigating Religions and Respect'.

Art:

Our time will be spent exploring Ernest Boye Uden, who was one of the World War II artists. We will create a landscape piece of art depicting the destruction caused by the Blitz.

French:

The children will enjoy a unit entitled 'Sortir Diner', where the focus will be the vocabulary around eating out.

P.S.H.E.: Our first half term is spent looking at a unit called 'New Beginnings', focusing on a positive approach to the new academic year and new situations.

P.E.: Whilst P.E. is planned to take place on Thursdays and Fridays, children must have their full P.E. kit in school EVERY DAY, as plans can change at very short notice.

Below are a few other key pieces of information that parents and children will need to be aware of this half-term:

- Parents will get to meet their child's class teacher at 'Meet The Teacher' on Thursday 7th September at 3.45pm and 4.30pm.
- Hustings will take place on Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th September to decide this year's Year 6 House & Vice House captains! If the children have opted to make themselves a candidate, they have been fully briefed as to what needs to be prepared in preparation for these assemblies.
- Between September 18th to the 29th, Year 5 pupils and Year 6 pupils who did not participate last year will have been given the opportunity to participate in 2 full-day Bikeability lessons. Next week, a letter will be emailed home providing further details and information in relation to this opportunity.
- On 5th October, we will be holding an evening explaining the KS2 curriculum to parents.
- This half term, children will receive a Homework Menu, which will include both must-do and optional tasks. These will include tasks to be completed using technology and apps. The Homework Menu will be submitted to children via Teams, they will receive a paper copy and it will also be emailed home to parents. Each child's Teams log-in details will be glued into their Planners shortly.
- Each week, spellings will be glued into Planners and tests are timetabled to take place on Fridays.

Should you have any worries or questions, do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher via email at ...

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