



## How can you help your child at home...?

Home learning will play an important part in your child's progress. Home learning grids will be sent out at the start of each half term from which children can choose from a range of activities. We request that the following tasks are completed routinely at home:

- Reading: we request that children read daily at home. We request that this is evidenced in their planner, which will be rewarded in school half termly when handed in. Hearing your child read daily will have a great impact on their fluency and comprehension.
- Spellings: Spellings will be sent home every week for children to rehearse. A range of strategies that the children have been taught at school can be used for this. (Please see attached). They will be tested on a Friday.
- Times table practise. In Year 5/6 we will be working on our fluency of all the times tables. It would be highly beneficial for your child if they could be rehearsed frequently at home.
- Other maths practise: basic number skills can be rehearsed such as number bonds, problem solving, using money and telling the time.
- Encouraging independence: prompting an appropriate level of self-care and organisation; focusing on challenging but achievable tasks alone.
- Any extra research/activities related to our current topic.
- Practise with joined handwriting/using correct letter formation. We will be practising using cursive handwriting.

**Please ensure that children bring their planners into school with all forms signed their reading recorded.**

**Further support will be offered to parents through workshops held in school- please attend when possible to learn more about how you can support your child in their education. Please use our Twitter page and website for further insight into your child's learning.**



These are some of the staff that you will meet in Year 5/6 this year.

Mrs Sharp (Teacher)

Mrs Gell

(TA)

Mrs Whittaker

(Teacher- PPA/DHT

cover)

Welcome to...



Year 5/6!

Spring Update





## Daily Routines

School is open from 8.50.  
Children can go straight  
into classrooms and  
begin their early morning  
work.

10.30-10.45 Break Time.

12.00-12.50 Lunch Time.

3.15 Home Time.

## Routines this Half Term

HAPPY NEW YEAR! We hope you have had a great Christmas and a restful break. We have a busy term ahead...

This half term, Year 5/6 will have PE on a **Tuesday and Thursday**, delivered by Chorley Schools Sports Partnership, so should have their full PE kit in school for this.

Occasionally, the children will take part in Forest School activities. This involves outdoor learning so the children will need to have appropriate clothing in school for that. A letter will be sent out to notify you about when these days will be happening.

Year 5/6 will be taught by Mrs Whittaker on Wednesday afternoons when she will teach Science/Computing. Thursday afternoons will be covered by CSSP who will teach PE. Mrs Annette will be teaching History/Geography on Monday afternoons.

The rest of the timetable will be delivered by Mrs Sharp.

Our lead topic for this term is going to be Volcanoes- covered mostly through Geography and Art/DT sessions.

Please can you ensure that children are always equipped appropriately for the weather. We request that children are always in full school uniform with everything labelled. It is also useful for children to have a labelled water bottle to use in class so that they don't have to leave lessons to go to the water fountain.

Individual Learning Plans will be sent out to parents of children with SEN or additional needs part-way through this half term, with up to date assessment data and details of planned provision. We look forward to an exciting term this Spring in Year 5/6 with a breadth of learning opportunities.

A SATs information evening will be held for Year 6 parents towards the end of this term.

We are also holding another exciting 'Book Week' in school around the time of World Book Day, involving special visitors, dress up day, parent workshops and many activities related to Literature!

Year 5 will have their Bikeability sessions this term also.

Please look out for further information regarding these events in newsletters.

**Please ensure the office has up to date contact details- email and phone.**

**Please don't hesitate to contact school to arrange a mutually convenient time with me to discuss anything further regarding your child's time in Year 5/6. Thank you for your support, Mrs Sharp.**

## Lead Curriculum Topics

The Hook:

The Big Picture:

Autumn:

The Tudors/ "Rivibethan" Times



Spring:

The Mayan Empire/ Volcanoes



Summer:

Rivers/Mountains



