



# Year 5-6 Newsletter

Spring Term 2017

First Half-Term

## KEY DATES

- Thurs 19th Jan**  
Spaced Theme Day (Catering Event)
- Mon 23rd Jan**  
Goalden Shot Assembly
- Week Beginning 23rd Jan**  
Chinese New Year: The Rooster
- Thurs 26th Jan**  
Y5-6 Boy's Football A Team NUFC Cup AM
- Mon 6th Feb**  
Y6 Visit to Safetyworks AM
- Tues 7th Feb**  
Safer Internet Day
- Wed 8th Feb**  
Sing Up Assembly Event
- Tues 14th Feb**  
Valentine Disco (KS2 5.15pm-6.15pm)
- Fri 17th Feb**  
Goalden Shot—Non-uniform (Sporty theme)
- Parents evening will be first week back after half term.*  
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Thanks to all of you that are signed up to ClassDojo and make use of it as a communication tool.

As a school, we are very conscious of ensuring a good work-life balance and have instructed all staff to set their 'Quiet Hours' for weekdays (between 6.30pm and 7.00am) and over the weekend when notifications won't be pushed to their devices.

We would also like to ensure that ClassDojo is a place for positive communication only. If we need to discuss any behaviour issues with you about your child or if you would like to discuss any concerns with us, we would prefer to do it in person or over the telephone. Please contact staff in the yard or phone the School Office.

## The Joys of Spring!

The Year 5-6 Team hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are feeling relaxed and ready to embrace the Spring Term!



Our topic in Year 5 this term is 'Ancient Greece'. We will be making links with Earth and Space, our Science Topic, and thinking about how the Ancient Greeks knew so much about the planets and stars.

We will be finding out about our solar system and the history of space exploration, investigating the Earth's rotation to explain day and night, the phases of the Moon and the apparent movement of the Sun across the sky.



### Amazing Americas



Year 6 will be beginning to investigate the 'Amazing Americas', which will lead to an introduction to the Mayan civilisation of Meso-America.

We will be finding out about the physical and human geography of areas of the American continents by comparing landscapes, climates and places with those in our own area.

We will begin to consider aspects of Mayan culture, including everyday life, inventions and scientific achievements.

## ROUTINE INFORMATION

**PE Kits are needed each Monday for 5S, and each Wednesday for 6C. Please could all children have trainers as part of their kit.**

**Library** will take place on Tuesday for both 5S and 6C. Library books **must** be returned to school each week.

### Homework

Please make sure children have their reading books and homework diaries in school EVERY day.

### Year 5:

Spellings will be given out each Monday for daily practise, and handed in on Friday before our spelling test. The children will be encouraged to engage in Mathematics activities at home. Daily reading at home is rewarded with a ClassDojo point per entry. Completed books are also rewarded. Our Topic Home Learning Grid contains homework ideas as well as links to websites, suggested apps to try at home and, most importantly, deadlines for hand-in!

### Year 6:

We would like to encourage our Year 6 children to develop independence prior to the transition to high school. All homework will be set each Friday with advice upon how the workload could be managed over the course of the week. Homework should be returned to school each Thursday, with a spelling test taking place each Friday.