



Year Group Information Sheet for Parents – Upper Key Stage 2 Summer 1



In Years 5 & 6, we will begin our new class text '*Mortal Engines*' by Philip Reeve, and we will use this text to inform our curriculum subjects this term.

This text provides opportunities for children to learn about the different aspects of society and compare modern societies with past societies. Pupils will use the text throughout their topic-driven afternoons.

Find out more details below!

In **English** this half-term, we will be exploring a wide range of diary entries and using these to plan, create and publish our own diaries from the perspective of a character in our class text. Additionally, we will practice using a range of tenses and punctuation to write a flashback, focusing on the setting in *Mortal Engines*. We will be ensuring that our spelling, punctuation and presentation is to a high standard.

In **Maths** this half term, **Year 5** pupils will continue to develop their understanding of shape, position and direction, before moving on to completing the four operations with decimal numbers.

Year 6 pupils will continue to consolidate their maths knowledge in preparation for the SATs, revising key concepts and processes.

In our curriculum afternoons we will be:

History

In History, we will be developing our knowledge of the Stone Age and the Bronze Age. We will be exploring what life was like in the Stone Age and the Bronze Age as well as the key religious beliefs of people in the Stone Age.

Geography

In Geography, we will develop our mapping and location skills. We will recognise and use the eight points on a compass, as well as effectively using lines of longitude and latitude and 4-figure grid references.

Science

As scientists this half-term, we will be learning about evolution and inheritance. Across this topic, we will explore how living things inherit characteristics from their parents, the process of adaptation and Darwin's theory of evolution.

Art & Design

In Art this term, we will be exploring the medium of sculpture and understanding how we can create our own sculptures through found materials. In Design Technology, we will be learning how to use CAM mechanisms.

PSHE & RE

In PSHE, we will be talking about the changes that happen to our bodies during puberty and how we can develop our independence. In RE, we will be exploring the role that different religious communities can play in how people live their lives.

You can help your child's learning by:

- ✓ Talking to me about the Topics I've been learning in school.
- ✓ Asking me to apply my maths skills in real life situations (e.g. counting change).
- ✓ Listening to me read and asking questions.
- ✓ Supporting me with my homework tasks.
- ✓ Helping me practise my spellings and times-tables.

Upper Key Stage 2 Teachers: Mrs Jennings and Mr Campbell

Other adults: Miss Dimmock, Mrs Waller, Miss Stokes

Homework:

Your child is expected to read a minimum 90 minutes a week, please evidence this in their reading record. Spelling and times-table homework will go home every Friday. Spelling tests are completed on a Friday morning. Please ensure all homework is completed and handed into the class teacher by the following Friday.

Year 5 - **P.E.** is on: **Wednesday** (Cricket) and **Thursday** (Athletics).

Year 6 - **P.E.** is on: **Wednesday** (Cricket) and **Friday** (Athletics). Please ensure your child has their PE uniform with them in a bag on these days.