



## Upper Junior Spring Newsletter

A belated Happy New Year! We have all had a great start to the Spring Term and look forward to our children sharing their work with you later on in the year. We are in the process of organising key visitors into school, special events and trips out to enhance our curriculum - watch this space! We are working hard to ensure your children are becoming increasingly independent with their learning and we appreciate your support with ensuring that diaries, PE kits and fully equipped pencil cases are in school.

### Our Team

Miss Whitrod - Year 6 - Phase Leader

Mrs Woodhart - Year 6

Mrs Stack - Year 5

Mrs Saunders - Year 5

### Spring Curriculum Topic Web

This term Year 5 will be learning all about the Ancient Greeks in Topic lessons and Year 6 will be studying a new topic, Our Changing World. In order for you to support your child's learning at home, please find attached to this newsletter a topic web. This briefly shows you the areas we will be covering within these topics. In addition to the topic web, as a team, we have in depth planning meetings of these subjects which we use on a weekly basis to guide our teaching. If you have any resources or expertise in these subjects, we would welcome the opportunity for you to share them with us.

### Physical Education

The Upper Junior PE timetables are as follows:

Class	Indoor	Outdoor
5TS	Friday	Thursday
5RS	Wednesday	Tuesday
6DW	Tuesday	Monday
6MW	Wednesday	Thursday

Your children will require a clean indoor and outdoor PE kit each week and these should also be clearly named.

**Indoor PE** white t-shirt, navy shorts, bare feet

**Outdoor PE** white t-shirt, navy shorts, trainers, dark tracksuit for colder weather conditions (not their school jumper)

## **Brain Builder Homework and Doodlemaths**

Brain Builders and Doodlemaths will continue to be set this term for Year 5. However, Year 6 have started revision tasks for homework, please be aware that these will be set on a Friday and due in, with set tasks fully completed, on the following Friday.

Brain Builder homework for year 5 is still being set on a *Friday* and will be due back into school, completed 10 days later, on the **following Monday**. Please support us by finding your child the time and place to complete a task to a high standard. If there is a genuine reason for any Brain Builder or Doodlemaths task not being completed, please write a note, otherwise loss of Golden Time will continue until it is returned to the class teacher.

## **Reading**

In addition to the Brain Builder, children are also expected to read at home. Reading practice needs to take place daily for at least 10-15minutes. Reading in Upper Juniors is more than just reading the words on the page, the children need to really understand what they are reading and work on their inference and deduction skills. At the beginning of the year I sent home some questions in homework diaries to help you with this. Once your child has read then time should be spent with an adult discussing the text.

Reading Diaries need to be signed by an adult to show that reading has taken place. You can write any notes regarding questioning that has taken place in the reading diary as well. Loss of Golden Time will occur if children are not reading at home.

## **School Shoes**

Can I please take this opportunity to remind you that the children should not be wearing trainers to school, this is not part of our school uniform and the children should all be wearing black shoes.

## **Class Assemblies**

Class assemblies on Friday afternoons continue to be a feature this year and we will offer you the opportunity to see some of the work your child's class has undertaken. A letter will be sent home when the assembly is due.

## **Residential**

For all those children coming on the residential trip in June please check for reminders this term about payment dates. I will be sending home medical consent forms in the coming weeks that need to be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

I hope this information will be of help to you over the next term. Further letters advising you of trips and visits will be sent out shortly. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

I wish you and your children a very happy and successful 2019 and look forward to seeing you around Wraysbury Primary School.

**Miss Donna Whitrod**  
**Year 5/6 Phase Leader**