



Upper Junior Newsletter March 2021

Welcome back to what feels like a brand new school year! It has been wonderful to have all of the children back and see their happy faces. We can't believe how much they have grown! They have loved catching up with their friends and have proved that they are enthusiastic and ready to learn. We have been working hard to make sure our topics are exciting and well prepared for your child's return to the classroom.

I would also like to say a very special well done to all of you for supporting your children through their 'Remote Learning', we couldn't have done it without you. I know it was not always easy-thank you.

Our Curriculum

Year 5 have started their topic 'May the Force be with You' which focuses on space and the solar system. They have particularly enjoyed the book 'Cosmic', by Frank Cottrell-Boyce and will be writing their own chapter of the book. Next term, Year 5 will be travelling back in time to Ancient Greece through the topic, 'Who Let the Gods Out?'. Year 6 have started their 'Survivor' topic. They have read lots of real life stories and have considered what it takes to survive against the odds!

After half term, Year 6's topic will be 'Sail Away'. The children will climb aboard the HMS Beagle and travel the world through the eyes of Charles Darwin.

Uniform

We have seen for ourselves just how much the children have grown and are aware that some children may have outgrown certain items; please let us know if this is the case.

Reminder:

- Only small stud earrings can be worn, which must be removed for PE
- Permitted religious bangles may be worn and must be covered with a sweatband for PE
- Long hair should be tied back at all times in school
- Shoes should be sensible, closed toe and black (NOT trainers)
- Nail varnish should be removed

Physical Education

Your children will require a clean PE kit each week and items should be clearly named.

Indoor PE

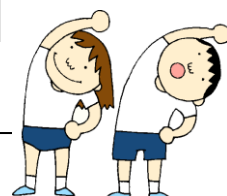
white t-shirt, navy shorts, bare feet

Outdoor PE

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

	Outdoor	Indoor
5SD	Wednesday	Monday
5HP	Wednesday	Tuesday
6TS	Tuesday	Friday
6MW	Tuesday	Thursday

PE kits should be in **EVERY DAY** in case of timetable changes.



Homework

- Daily Reading
- Weekly Spellings (test on Fridays)
- Focused task

Homework supporting our topic will vary from weekly activities to more in depth project work when relevant.



Reading



We expect children in Year 5 and 6 to read every day and use their reading record to record any thoughts about their reading book. This should be signed daily. This enables the staff to have quality discussions with the children about their book. We love to use their thoughts to recommend texts to other children.

Please ensure that your child's reading book and reading record are in school every day as we do use them in class.

To celebrate Wraysbury Primary's love of reading, look out to see who gets to take our special reading bag home!

Healthy Snacks in School

We do encourage children to bring fruit, dried fruit or vegetables to school to eat during break time. We find this to be particularly useful in keeping the rumbling tummies away until lunchtime!

Pencil Cases

A polite reminder: pencil cases need to be **small** enough to fit inside their tray. This should contain their handwriting pen, pencil, rubber, barrel sharpener, small glue-stick, a selection of colouring pencils and highlighter pens.

We are still finding that children are bringing in lots of unnecessary equipment. Lots of 'Smiggle' pencils and rubbers are great but they do cause a lot of distraction during our learning time.

Reminder:

Due to COVID, children should not be sharing equipment in the classroom.

Year 6 moving on...

Many of the children have now had confirmation of their secondary school placement. If you have not heard or need any support with the placement given, please contact us.

We will be working closely with all of the secondary schools in the summer term to ensure a smooth transition.

I hope this information will be of help to you over the next term. If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's class teacher.

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