



Year 5 & 6 Summer Term 2026 – 13th April – 22nd May.

Mr Poynton

Welcome Back to Year 5 & 6!

We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday. We are looking forward to starting the new half term and getting straight back into learning together.

This half term, our school value is compassion. We will focus on showing kindness and understanding towards others, thinking about how our words and actions affect those around us, and offering support when someone needs it. By demonstrating compassion in our learning and behaviour, we can create a calm and respectful classroom where everyone feels cared for, valued, and ready to do their best.

Entry into and out of School

The classroom door will open at 08:25 and our first lesson will begin at 08:30. The school day ends at 15:00. Please send your children in from the playground where they will be greeted at their classroom by a member of staff.

A member of staff will let the children out at the top of the stairs at the end of the day. The children will only be released to a designated adult in line with our school's Health and Safety policy. If, for any reason, you are unable to collect your child, please contact the school as soon as possible to let us know who has your permission to collect them.

Homework

Children should be reading a minimum of four times every week. Reading aloud to a parent for only a few minutes a day can have a significant impact on their progress. Reading books will be changed regularly. In addition to reading children will have spellings to practice

Snacks and Water

Please send a full, clearly labelled water bottle to school each day. Only water is allowed to be brought in these bottles.

Children may bring a fruit or vegetable snack for break time. This must be in a clearly labelled container. Please note that sweets and chocolate are not allowed for break time. We have noticed some children bringing these in, so we would appreciate your support in ensuring only healthy snacks are brought into school.

Physical Education

Year 5 & 6 will have Swimming lessons at Enderby Leisure Centre every Wednesday this half term until Wednesday 24th June (10 weeks in total). Please send children into school with their swimming kit (swimming costume/swim shorts and a towel. Goggles and swimming hats preferred also. Earrings should be removed and long hair tied back.

Maths

We will begin the half term by focusing on decimals, and then moving on to percentages and their equivalency to fractions and decimals. We will then cover ration and proportion, algebra and position and direction (translation and reflection).

English

This half term in English, we will be creating discussion texts, notably balanced arguments, where we look at both sides of a topic with a neutral view. We will be using the events of World War II as a topic for our writing

Foundation Subjects

History:

This half term in History, we will be looking at the cataclysmic events of the First and Second World Wars and the huge impacts they had on the world at the time and how they have shaped the way we live now. We will look at how the wars started and ended, the conditions for military personnel and how warfare was conducted (such as trench warfare) and what life was like for those people who remained at home in the UK. We will also concentrate on key events of the wars such as Armistice day, D-Day, VE and VJ day as well as evacuation, rationing and The Blitz.

Art

This sequence of lessons focuses on understanding what may be considered to be art, and how the modernist movement fits within this. The focus of lessons will include key moments within the modernist period, and will consider key pieces from the modernist movement.

Over the course of this unit, children will learn about the features of the cubist style, and some key cubist artists (Braque and Pablo Picasso). They will also examine works of art which have been created with the intention of addressing social issues, or to convey a social message, including examples of installation art.

Children will use their skills and knowledge to recreate well-known works of art from the modernist movement, and to plan and create their own work of installation art which contains a social message.

Science

This half term in Science, we will be learning about classification of animals and plants and by the end of the unit, children will be able to: Describe how living things are classified into groups, and give reasons for classifying plants and animals based on specific characteristics

RE:

We will be looking at why some people choose to believe in God and why some people choose not to, and how choosing a faith in a personal choice and how people across the world choose with faith to follow or not.

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