

# Years 5/6 Newsletter



Summer Term 2

## Targets



### Reading

To give thorough explanations of points and prepare responses to likely conflicting opinions.



### Speaking and Listening

To participate in discussions, presentations, performances, role play, improvisations and debates.



### Maths

To develop a further understanding of problem solving using all 4 operations.

### Personal

To develop independence and organisation.

## Home learning

- **Spellings** will be given out every Friday, for a test the following Friday.

In addition to spellings and reading, a **maths** activity will be given out on a **Friday** and will be due in the following **Friday** on Seesaw and printed if need be.

- Parents/carers, **Reading Diaries** should continue to be brought in to school **every day**. **Reading at home and reading diaries signed by an adult will lead to house points!**

### - Times Tables Rockstars

Please try to encourage your child to access TTRS regularly. To be a successful at maths, it is essential that all children can recall their tables accurately.

Parents/carers, if you have any queries please email school or ring to arrange a call back. Thank you.

Welcome back Years 5/6. We are in your final half term of this academic year. There is a lot going on this half term, including transition into your new year groups, which I know you are excited about. This half-term you have PE (Y5) Swimming (Y6) on **Wednesday** afternoons and cricket on **Thursday** afternoons. **Please bring in your full PE/swimming kit on PE days.**

## English

We are going to be writing a narrative finding tale and a non-fiction text based around explanations.

## Science

We are going to continue learning about **Evolution and Inheritance**. We are finding out how we get features from our parents and also learning how living things are similar, but not the same. We will be thinking like scientists and making some interesting discoveries.

## History

Our History focus is the Maya Civilisation. In this unit, we will look at the context of this civilisation in a world setting, find out when the Maya are first recognised by archaeologists and when this society is said to have come to an end. The Maya created writing using logograms and hieroglyphs and Year 5/6 will be finding out how the writing was used to help them write and draw words and their names.

We will enjoy making some authentic Mexican food as part of our DT unit.



## Key dates in Year 5/6 Summer Term

18<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day for Y5/6

25<sup>th</sup> June - Class Photos

9<sup>th</sup> July - Alnwick Gardens

15<sup>th</sup> July - Y6 Leaver's Assembly @ 9:30am

16<sup>th</sup> July - Burradon's Got Talent

17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term.

Mrs Jones