

UPPER JUNIOR NEWS

Friday 29th September 2017

Welcome

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed the Summer break. The children have all returned raring to go. They have settled in well to their new classes particularly the Y5's who are making that jump up to the Upper Juniors.

We have lots of exciting things planned for the year and have already enjoyed our Ancient Greek entry point- thank you to everyone for making this such a success.



English

This term we have already looked at some inspirational people as part of our non-fiction biography writing and have used William Wordsworth's 'Daffodils' to write our own Autumn poems. We will be going to see the *Railway Children* at a theatre and will use this book to inspire our own fiction writing before studying a range of myths to incorporate drama, debates and roleplay!

We have introduced pen licences which will be awarded when children demonstrate their best effort in handwriting in six pieces of work and this must be maintained or face the prospect of getting 'points' and having your licence revoked!

Maths

This term we will be looking at reading and writing numbers up to 1,000,000 (Y5) and beyond (Y6) and looking at negative numbers. This will lead into units of work on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division- particularly using pictorial representation alongside taught formal methods progressing to just formal methods. This allows children to continue to get to grips with concepts.

Children are expected to not only demonstrate fluency in concepts but apply their knowledge and understanding to reasoning and problems.



Topic

This term our topic is the 'Great, the Bold and the Brave.' We will be comparing Ancient Greece to Ancient Rome and looking at all the similarities and difference in their lives, roles, beliefs and mythology.

Home Learning

Reading

Please ensure your child reads at least 4 times a week and that this is recorded in their Reading Challenge booklet so they can earn points towards the Reading Challenge Reward at the end of term.

Spelling

The children have all been given a 'Dragon ABC' booklet which has their weekly spellings in. These are to be used at home to practise their weekly spellings and find out what each word means. These spellings will then be tested during the week.

High Stakes Homework

Children are expected to complete the equivalent of 30 minutes a week during a half term. This is to help the children prepare for the quantity of homework they will receive at secondary school. They may choose to complete this how they wish. This could mean more than one in advance, spread an hour homework over two weeks or choose two 15 minute homework's over two weeks and complete an hour homework in the third. Every child has a copy of the takeaway menu and it is available via the school website.

Maths

Children will be given a weekly maths sheet to complete. They should spend 15 minutes on each side of the sheet. The reasoning questions on the back are questions that they would have seen in a maths lesson during the week. It is imperative that all children make an attempt at this sheet.



Parent Helpers

We are always looking for parent helpers to listen to readers so if you would like to help, particularly from 2.30 on, then please let your child's class teacher know.

General

Please can we remind you that there should be no children in the library or classrooms before 8.40am – teachers need this time to prepare for the school day. Only children attending breakfast club should be in the school building before this time. Additionally, to allow teachers to greet every child into the classroom, please do not try to enter the Upper Junior area or Wilverley classroom to have a conversation with them in the morning. Teaching assistants will be on the outer doors to take any messages and will pass them on. This will also help to encourage greater independence for your child as they enter school themselves and organise their own belongings.

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