

Year 5/6 Newsletter – Spring 2

Welcome

Welcome to the new look termly newsletter!

After half term, there will be another parent's evening where Year 6 parents' information will be given about the SATs that take place in May as well as information and prediction from the latest round of assessments.

Thank you very much for your support.

If you need to contact us, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with us via the office at admin@seathorneprimaryacademy.org

The Year 5/6 team

Spelling and Reading

We focus on one spelling rule per week and this is chosen from our recent assessments. We also revisit previously taught spelling rules in low-stake quizzes.

We will be reading a wide variety of texts, continuing to work on skills such as inference and explanation, finding evidence in the text to support our arguments.



Writing

We will continue to read The Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen.

We will be writing the following text types:

Narrative – First person present tense

Non-fiction – Informal persuasive letter and discussion text.

Grammar – We will continue to consolidate the grammar learnt during KS2 with a particular focus on relative clauses, active and passive sentences, semi-colons, colons and parentheses.



Maths

In maths this term we will be looking at some new concepts and revisiting and building on previous learning including:

- Finishing the unit on algebra and looking at finding values and solving problems
- Decimals. Multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000, and multiplying and dividing by integers.

Area and perimeter of rectilinear shapes, triangles, and parallelograms. Problem solving and understanding volume.



Science

We will be learning about classification this term. We will be looking at how living things can be sorted using their similarities and differences. We will also look at the Linnaeus system of classification as well as looking at microorganisms.



Design & Technology

This term we will be learning about automata toys. The children will be carefully designing and making a frame to house a cam toy of their own design. They will be working with saws and glue guns to ensure a sturdy frame for their toy.



History

This term we will be learning about the Early Islamic Civilisation focusing on Bagdad c.900A.D. We will look at where this period of history fits within the timeline, compare London and Bagdad during this period as well as learn why it was called the Islamic Golden Age.



Music

In music, the children will be learning to play the ukulele while exploring lullabies, including composing their own gentle melodies in 3/4 time and understanding how lullabies are used to soothe babies. They are also developing their skills by singing with expression, comparing different time signatures such as 3/4 and 4/4 and explore more songs with other chords.



PE

In PE this term, the children will be developing their teamwork and tactical thinking through netball, learning key skills such as accurate passing, moving into space and shooting. They will also be taking part in yoga sessions that help build strength, flexibility and balance, while supporting their wellbeing through mindfulness and controlled breathing.



Tigers PE lessons are Tuesdays and Thursdays

Orangutans PE lessons are Mondays and Tuesdays

Macaws PE lessons are Tuesdays and Wednesdays

PSHE

This term we will be finishing our unit on conception and puberty. Year 6 will study the reproductive system for male and females. We will then move onto alcohol, looking at its effects on the human body and why people drink.



RE

We will continue to look at right and wrong through different religions as well as looking at what decisions we make. While completing this unit, we will be deep diving into the morals of Buddhists, Christians and Islamic religions. We will also look at morality.



Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for Upper Key Stage 2 is a white shirt and school tie with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home **daily**. Reading records should be brought into school each **Friday** for Dojo points to be awarded. These will be checked by an adult.

Homework will be given on a Monday and clearly explained and handed in on Friday.

Dojo points will be given for weekly homework. This includes Times Tables Rock Stars outside of school hours.

Homework projects are optional, but children will be given dojo points on completion of this homework.





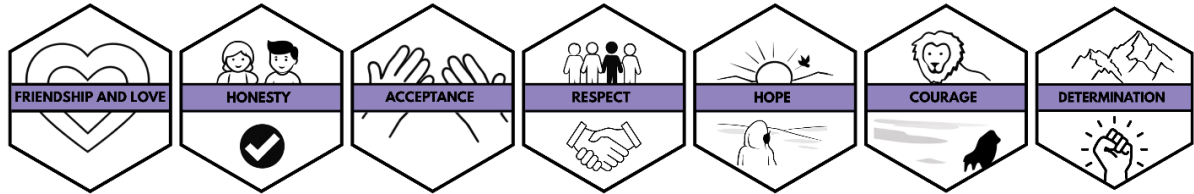
Homework Projects

History – Early Islamic Civilisation:

- Create a timeline focusing on the rise and fall of Bagdad c.900A.D.
- Create a fact file about the House of Wisdom – what it was, who built it and why it was important
- Create a poster about the importance of the scientific discoveries during the early Islamic period.

Science- Classification:

- Design a poster about a new creature and how you would classify it
- Create a fact file for Carl Linnaeus – who he was and what he created



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars





Year group information

Tigers

Class Teacher: Mrs Horry
Teaching Assistants: Miss Pacey

Macaws

Class Teacher: Miss Dearman
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Fletcher

Orangutans

Class Teacher: Mr Baker
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Shortland

Please remember to name your child’s school jumper or cardigan and that upper Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt, white shirt and academy tie.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

Dates for the diary!

Spring 2

- Monday 23rd February – School reopens to pupils
- Thursday 5th March – World Book Day
- Monday 9th March – Thursday 12th March – PTA Mothers’ Day Pop Up Shop
- Monday 9th March – Class Photos
- Monday 9th March – Easter Square Fundraising begins
- Friday 13th March – Sports Relief
- Tuesday 17th March and Thursday 19th March – Parents’ Consultation Evenings
- Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day
- Friday 27th March – Non-Uniform Day for Chocolate Tombola
- Wednesday 1st April – PTA Easter Bingo
- Thursday 2nd April – School closes for Easter break