



Gold Area News!



Welcome back for an exciting new school year!

During this year, your child will be continuing to develop their maths and reading and writing skills whilst following the new primary curriculum. All other subjects are covered through the International Primary Curriculum. Below are the topics each year group will be following this term and the skills they will be learning.

Gold Area Key Dates

Year 5 Parents' Welcome Meeting
Harvest Festival
Parents' Evening
Remembrance Day Assembly
Year 6 Share Afternoon
Year 6 SATs Meeting
Year 5 School trip to the Science Museum in London
Year 5 Parent Share Afternoon

Wednesday 28th September

Thursday 13th October

Tuesday 18th & Wednesday 19th October

Friday 11th November

Thursday 17th November

Tuesday 22nd November

Wednesday 23rd November

Thursday 24th November



Gold 5N & 5B

Autumn Term



Our topic this term is World War 2. We will be looking at how the war started as well as how people's lives were affected, both in England as well as Germany. We will be enhancing our research skills as well as our sewing skills, and our organisational skills to plan and produce a 1940s tea party.

In Art we will be looking at the work of the famous artist Lowry and how his drawings portrayed images of the war; we will use our understanding of his technique to develop our pencil drawing skills.

In Science we will be learning about materials in the first half term and will use our knowledge to build our understanding about why certain materials were used in the war, for example, why Anderson Shelters were made in a certain way and why particular materials were used in their construction. We will be learning about Earth and Space which will include a trip to the Science Museum in London in November.

How can I help my child?

Reading daily is vital for your child's development and success in school. Reading for 30 / 45 minutes before bed-time can help a child relax, switch off and get absorbed in another world. With spellings and times tables, little and often is the best way to learn them—writing them out for 5 minutes each day is one of the best ways for memory retention.



Gold 6N & 6B

Autumn Term



Our topic for this term is World War 1. We will be looking at the causes of the conflict, the daily life of civilians and soldiers and also the geography of Europe at the time. We will be using songs, drama and role play to experience trench life first hand.

In Art we will be studying war art. We will be taking inspiration from the artists and art work from the time.

For Science we will be starting off by learning about animals, including humans. We will be looking at systems within the human body, including the digestive, respiratory and circulatory system. After half term we will be learning about reversible and irreversible changes.

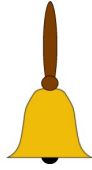
How can I help my child?

This year we have a reading challenge: can you read 40 books (or equivalent if it's a big one) by the end of the year? We are monitoring your child's reading through the reading journals which will be collected in and returned to your child every Tuesday.

Important Information and Reminders

COMING INTO SCHOOL

Children enter through their classroom doors from 8.50am but don't forget the doors are locked at 9.00am ready to work! If you are late don't forget to enter Westfield through the office.



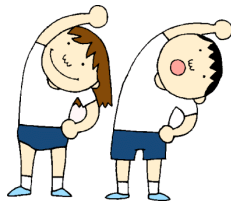
SHOES

All children need a pair of named **black school shoes**. Can you please make sure that the shoes are waterproof. If you send your child in wearing wellies can they also have their black shoes with them.



P.E.

Please supply a **named** PE kit in a bag every **Monday**, to be sent home each **Friday**.



PE kit; house t-shirt, black shorts, plimsolls or trainers (**not school shoes!**).

Every child was given their first PE t-shirt free, replacements can be purchased from the school office for £5 from Brigade Clothing.

Homework

HOMWORK Year 5

Homework

Reading: All children are expected to read at home everyday. Please fill in the log book when you have heard your child read. Your child will also receive a reading comprehension sheet or a grammar sheet each week which they should spend 30 minutes completing.

Spellings: Spellings are sent home on a Monday and they are tested on the following Monday.

IPC or Science: IPC or Science homework will be issued each half term. The homework will be project based and your child will be expected to produce as much of it as they can independently.

Home help: All children are expected to spend time helping out around the house, whether it is doing the washing up or making their own lunch. By giving your child the trust & independence to manage themselves, you are also increasing their confidence—this confidence will go on to improve their learning skills in class.

READING



Thank you for your continued help in supporting your child in learning to read. Please help your child with this at home by asking them two questions each night—the trickier the better!

Questions which ask the child to summarise what they have read—such as 'what were the three main events that happened in that chapter?' - are good as it requires them to think more deeply to understand what they are reading.

They don't have to read an entire book each night, but Year 5 and 6 children should be reading to themselves for between 30 to 45 minutes each day at home.

HOMWORK Year 6

Reading: All children are expected to read at home everyday. Please fill in the reading journal when they have finished a book.

Children should then complete a reading activity in their reading journal. This should then be checked and signed off by a parent or guardian. The reading journal and associated reading task is the reading homework for each week.

Spellings: Spellings will be sent home on a Monday. They will be glued into their homework diaries. These spellings will then be tested on the Friday during a spelling and grammar lesson.

Maths: Maths homework will be sent home each week. The task and due date will be recorded in their homework diary. Normally the homework will be set on Friday and due in for Tuesday, however homework could be set on any day.

Science/IPC: Sometimes Science and IPC homework will be set. This will be clearly recorded in their homework diaries.

