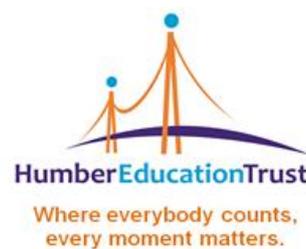


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'Learning Together'



Headteacher – Mrs Sarah Waller

Monday 17th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new academic year! We are thrilled to see all pupils refreshed and ready to learn in their new classrooms. We have a very exciting year ahead!

This term our topic is:



The pupils will explore historical events and changes over each decade in areas such as clothing, technology and music. We will also explore the changes to population focusing on immigration and the evolving role of women after WW2. Pupils will get the chance to study significant figures of history and consider who has had an impact on our lives today, as well as predicting how Britain will continue to change in the future.

On the back of this letter you will find the objectives that the pupils will be covering over the term, including the key questions that will be the basis of the pupils' learning.

A few reminders: In Year 5 and 6, your child will now receive weekly homework and spellings to learn as well as a termly home-school project. In addition, they will be expected to read three times a week. They are then rewarded as part of our **'Leading Learners'** programme. Please sign their reading record as evidence of the reading taking place.

As part of our D&T study, we will be designing clothes linked to the sixties decade. Parents will be invited to a 'Fashion Fever' party to celebrate your child's work this term. This will take place on **Wednesday 5th December at 1:45pm**. A letter will go out with further details closer to the event.

We look forward to a successful term and if there is anything you would like to ask, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see us.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5/6 team:

Mrs Wallace, Miss Lamerton, Mrs Whitworth and Mrs Jacobs.

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In Maths, we will be focusing on:



- Place value
- Number facts and fluency
- Addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Problem solving at greater depth

In PHSE, we will learn:

- To identify goals for this year, understand fears and worries about the future and know how to express them.
- That there are universal rights for all children but for many children these rights are not met

As artists, we will be studying



the work of Van Gogh in order to:

- Create textures with paint using various techniques
- Explore fine art skills and use them to replicate our own version of 'The Starry Night'

As scientists, we will be studying Earth and Space focusing on:

- The movement of the Earth and other planets relative to the Sun.
- How night and day are created.
- Describing the Sun, Earth and Moon (using the term spherical).
- Asking questions about the longevity of our solar system

In Year 5 and 6

Our topic is:



As historians, we will study the significant changes in British history since 1948 focusing on:

- Life after WW2
- Population changes including immigration
- Changes over the decades including music, art and particularly fashion
- Significant figures
- Making predictions for Britain's next generation

In PE, we will be focusing on invasion games learning to:

- use running, jumping, throwing and catching in isolation and in combination
- apply basic principles suitable for attacking and defending
- lead healthy, active lives

Important dates:

Monday 24th September - Y6 parents meeting for Robinwood at 4:30pm
Wednesday 3rd - 5th October - Y6 Robinwood Residential
Monday 15th October, 4:30pm - Y6 SATs information meeting
Wednesday 17th October - Y5 London Trip
Friday 26th October - Break up for half term!
Thursday 8th November - Y5 London Trip
Wednesday 5th December - Fashion Fever disco! Parents welcome!

In Literacy, we will be focusing on:

- Developing our stamina for writing through different genres.
- Improving our use of vocabulary to engage the reader
- To use a range of cohesive devices when writing such as adverbial phrases and sentences with more than one clause.

Year 5 will be reading *Journey to Jo'burg* by Beverley Naidoo.

Year 6 will be reading *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* by John Boyne.

In French, we will learn to:

- Recognise the days and months of the year
- Hold a simple conversation with at least 4 exchanges.
- Use the context to work out unfamiliar words.

As computer scientists, we will learn to use code to create our own software:

- Use technology safely and understand the impact of our actions when using social media
- Use 2code to allow characters to move and change

In Religious Education we will:

- Use religious vocabulary accurately
- Compare the way believers express their beliefs and ideas and explain how these make a difference to their lives.