

## Summer Term

It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our children back to school this term! There has been no doubt that the smiles and happy faces we are greeted with every morning reflect how much they are keen to get back to routines and be back together with their 'Easterside family' once again!

Despite recent challenges, we are extremely proud of how much resilience and empathy our children have shown! They demonstrate such determination and enthusiasm for learning and we are eager to see the great progress they will make this term as home and school continue to work in collaboration to give them the 'chance to shine!'

This term we will strive to provide ongoing support for your child's well-being as well as supporting them to 'catch up' academically.

Here is some key information about what your child will be learning in school this term...

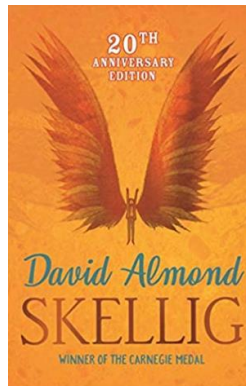


## Curriculum Newsletter Summer Term 2021 Year 5 and 6

### English

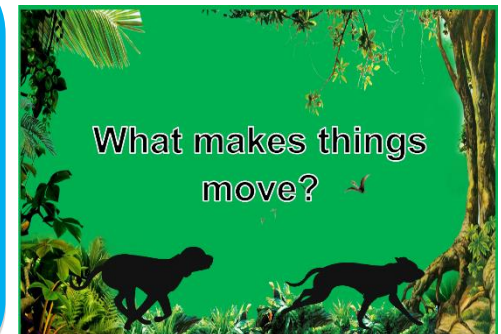
Your child's English lessons will follow the Power of Reading approach and will be based upon the book, '**Skellig**' by **David Almond**

They'll continue to apply the school's non-negotiables in relation to writing, where the expectation is to use joined up handwriting, correct punctuation and spell subject specific vocabulary correctly across a wide range of text types.



### Maths

Maths this term will be focused around the **four operations**: +, -, x and ÷ and applying these to **fractions, decimals and percentages as well as ratio and algebra**. Children will continue to develop their fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills.



### Science

Living things,  
Life cycles,  
Reproduction of plants and mammals.

### PSHCE

Health and Well-being  
How can drugs common to everyday life affect health?

### RE

Expressing  
If God is everywhere why go to a place of worship?

### PE

Caring for their mental health, wellbeing and fitness through Yoga and Athletics.

### Computing

Animations

### Music

Classical -  
History of  
Music

### French

Parts of the  
body, clothes  
and months of  
the year.

### Topic

Year 5 and 6 will be investigating the enquiry question:

**What makes things move?**

They will be developing their skills as Scientists and Design Technologists to master practical skills involving mechanics as well as writing code to control and monitor models.

## PE



**Class 1 - Tuesday and Wednesday**

**Class 2 - Monday and Thursday**

**Class 3 - Monday and Thursday**

Children in Y5/6 will be taking part in Yoga on a Monday throughout this term.

Please remember to come to school on those days in PE uniform!

(Please remember the expectation for PE uniform.)

## Yoga

In yoga, children are required to participate barefoot.

Due to safety, they are unable to wear socks or shoes as they could slip.

Children are allowed to wear yoga socks with toes in if they would prefer. Thank you for your support.



## Reading



Please continue to keep encouraging your child to read! We've recognised a huge dip in children's English skills since coming back to school following lockdown.

Please listen to your child read at least three times a week (for 15-20minutes) and record this in their reading diary.

Additionally, all children can access Reading Plus online for free from home anytime using their personal logins

**THE MORE  
THAT YOU READ,  
THE MORE THINGS  
YOU WILL KNOW.  
THE MORE THAT  
YOU LEARN,  
THE MORE PLACES  
YOU'LL GO**

- Dr. Seuss

## Water Bottles



Please bring a drinks bottle to school daily. This should have water only in it. Please support school by avoiding juices as well as fizzy and energy drinks!

## Homework!

We have made the decision to go back to paper-based homework. Your child will receive a piece of English, Maths and Spellings to learn on a Friday and this will need to be returned the following Friday. Please support your child to be organised and independent, preparing them for their next stage of learning in secondary school (It won't be long!)

We continue to have our online learning provisions that should be accessed regularly too: Reading Plus, Times Tables Rockstars and Spelling Shed.

## High

### Expectations

We would like to remind parents and children of our high expectations!

We have noticed the following creeping into school:



**Make-up  
Jewellery**



**Nail Varnish**

**Crop tops for PE**

Please see the school website (under 'parents') to remind yourselves of our expectations regarding uniform.

## FACE MASKS!

Please remember to wear a face mask when you come into our school grounds! 😊

We are still following the Government's COVID guidelines and ask that parents and carers do the same in order to keep everyone safe!  
Thank you!



## Year 6 Parents!

Please look out for correspondence from your secondary schools in relation to dates for transition.

Although our usual Y6 Leavers Celebrations will be unable to go ahead as 'normal', we will aim to give your child the best 'send off' possible within the constraints of the most up to date government guidelines at the time! Look out for more information!

**Be on time!!** - Please be in school no later than 9am - Thank you!

If you have any questions or queries please feel free to contact school and speak to one of the teachers - Mrs Anderson, Miss Doe and Miss Tunney.  
We are always happy to help! 😊

## Reminder!

Please stick to government guidelines at home in order to keep us all safe!  
Thank you! 😊