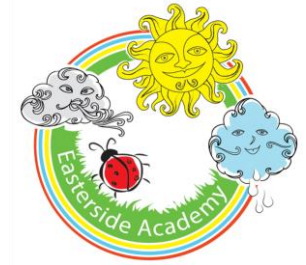


Autumn Term - Welcome back to school!

Welcome to the new school year! We hope you have enjoyed the Summer holidays and spent lots of time having fun with your families. The children are making great progress already in just the short time they've been back at school and we hope that you continue to work in partnership with school to ensure that this continues.

We're sure that your child will be looking forward to the exciting opportunity to camp out and sleep under the stars on our school field on Thursday 23rd September as part of their topic's 'Memorable Experience'...the staff certainly are!

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

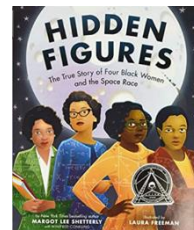
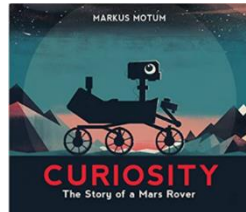


Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2021 Year 5 and 6

English

Your child's English lessons will follow the Power of Reading approach and will be based upon the two books, 'Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover' and 'Hidden Figures: The True Story of Four Black Women and the Space Race'

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 **place value** and the **four operations**: +, -, x and ÷. They will continue to develop their mental fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills in relation to these areas.



Science

Earth and Space Forces

PSHCE

Health and Well-being
How can we keep healthy as we grow?

RE

What difference does it make to believe in Ahimsa, Grace and Ummah?

PE

Ball Skills:
Tag Rugby and Hockey

Computing

E Safety: It's cool to be kind!

Music

Sing
Education

French

Animals and Food

Topic

Year 5 and 6 will be investigating the enquiry question:

What is it like out there?

They will be developing their skills as scientists, historians and artists as well as taking part in an exciting memorable experience... **camping on the school field!!** What a treat - making memories!

PE Days



Class 1 - Miss Tunney - Mon and Tues
Class 2 - Miss Doe - Mon and Fri
Class 3 - Mr Burns - Tues and Fri
Please ensure that your child comes to school on those days in their **PE uniform!** If they don't, a phone call will be made requesting that parents bring in school uniform for them to wear!

Reading

Thank you to all of those families that have supported us with ensuring that your child comes to school every day with their

- ✓ Book Bag (**Every child needs one!!**)
- ✓ Reading book
- ✓ Reading diary



It is essential that these come to school and go home daily.

Please listen to your child read at least three times a week and record this in their reading diary.

Stepping up to Year 5 and 6

As your child is now part of the upper KS2 team, it is vital that they are positive role models for the rest of the school.

We expect that all children take responsibility for their **homework, reading, uniform** and have a **positive attitude to all aspects of school life.**

Please support us! 😊

This will definitely help to prepare them for secondary school!!

Uniform

The children look so smart in their new school uniforms!

Please remember that all children are expected to wear **sensible black shoes** for school every day.

NOT black trainers!

Parents were made aware of this well in advance of September.

Home Learning and Homework

We **must** ensure that **EVERY** child has access to our home learning provision.

Soon, your child will come home with a list of logins and passwords for a range of online learning platforms including Reading Plus, Times Tables Rockstars, Sumdog and Spelling Shed.

Please keep it somewhere safe and check that you can access these at home as soon as possible. All of these are free to access!

Additionally, please download the **free 'Seesaw' app** to access your child's class page using the QR codes provided.

It is essential that every child can access Seesaw at home - please check and speak to your child's class teacher immediately if you have any problems.

Homework (English, Maths and Spelling) is given out weekly on a Friday and is expected to be brought back into school completed by the following Friday!

Thank you for your continued support.



Jewellery

Just a reminder that our school policy in relation to jewellery continues to be a **watch and small stud earrings** only.

We have noticed some additional items of jewellery and nail varnish coming in to school. **Please avoid this - thank you!**

Water Bottles - Water only please, no juice - Thank you!



If you have any questions or queries please feel free to come and speak to the Y5/6 staff - Mrs Anderson, Miss Tunney, Miss Doe and Mr Burns.

We are always happy to help! 😊

Secondary Transition

Y6 Parents - the deadline for secondary applications is **31st October.**

Information regarding open days/evenings has already been shared with Y6 parents and can be found on the school APP, Marvellous Me and the Middlesbrough council website.

We encourage all children and parents to visit prospective secondary schools before they make their decision.

If you have any questions, please get in touch and we can help!

Meet the Staff - Y5/6 Team

Class 1 - Y6



Miss Tunney (Class teacher),
Mrs Stubbs and **Mrs Myers** (Teaching Assistants)



Mrs Anderson
Assistant Vice Principal
and KS2 Team Leader

Class 2 - Y5/6



Miss Doe (Class teacher),
Miss Heard and **Miss Burns** (Teaching Assistants)

Class 3 - Y5/6



Mr Burns (Class teacher),
Mrs Groves and **Miss Burns** (Teaching Assistants)