

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. This year, we welcome Miss Darragh to the Y5/6 team! She is an experienced teacher and leader who has worked in a range of schools throughout her career. We hope you welcome her to our Easterside school community.

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 next week on Thursday 21st September as part of their topic's 'Memorable Experience'...the staff certainly are!! 😊

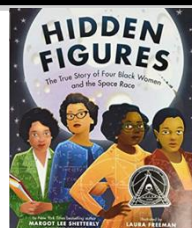


Curriculum Newsletter Autumn Term 2023 Year 5 and 6

English

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

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

Cricket
and
Tag Rugby

Computing

E Safety: self-identity and
online relationships

Music

Sing
Education

French

Holiday and
Actions

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 Fri
Class 2 - Miss Darragh - Mon and Fri
Class 3 - Mrs Anderson - Tues and Thur
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 Homework

Children have returned to school with a super attitude to their reading with many children onto their 5th/6th reading book already! Wow!

Thank you to all of those families who have supported us with ensuring that your child comes to school every day with the following:

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



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

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 **reading books, 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

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 any time.

Additionally, please download the **free 'Seesaw' app** to access your child's class page using the QR codes provided where other aspects of their learning will be showcased.

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.

MARVELLOUS ME! - We celebrate your child's achievements and send messages through this free APP. Please ensure you have it on your devices and access daily!

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 and Miss Darragh.

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 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!