

Year 5 & 6 Newsletter January 2025



Dates for the diary

22nd January - Woodpeckers' Class Assembly
17th February - Half Term
24th February - TD Day
25th February - Term 4 begins

This term's topic:

Vikings

In History, we will be learning about the conflicts and compromises between the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons. In English, we will be creating suspense inspired by 'Clockwork' by Philip Pullman. In Science we will be learning about electricity. In DT, we will be sewing textiles using different stitches to recreate a Viking cloak.

Reading

Please aim to read at home at least 5 times a week - either to an adult or independently. Children will have a book that they choose to take home.

Please support your child with their reading and record home reading in their reading record books - either you or your child can do this.

The reading record book should be brought into school each day with the child's reading book. Each Friday their total number of reads for the week will be recorded.

PE

Please ensure that your child comes to school in the correct PE kit. **Please note the change of day!**

Tuesday - Robins outdoors

Wednesday - All classes indoors

Thursday - Eagles and Woodpeckers outdoors



Welcome!

Happy New Year! Welcome back Year 5 and 6.

If you need to contact your class teacher please email the correct class:

Eagles- eagles@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Robins- robins@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Woodpeckers- woodpeckers@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Learning from Term 3 onwards

As we get closer to the Y6 SATs in May, we will be changing the way we teach some subjects.

From January, Year 5 and Year 6 will be taught Maths in separate classes in order for us to focus on the objectives and ensure that Y6 are SATs-ready.

Following this, we will sometimes split the year groups for Reading and Grammar for the same reasons.

Homework

Spellings:

The children will be given a week to learn each list. Spelling tests will be on a Friday. Please support your child to practise their spellings.



Times tables:

Children should be fluent in all times tables by Year 5 & 6.

Please continue to support your children learning and becoming fluent with the tables using TT Rockstars or other successful methods - **ask your child's teacher if you would prefer a paper sheet to practise times tables.**