

Year 5/6 Newsletter - Autumn



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have thoroughly enjoyed the start of the term with your children and are really pleased with how everyone is settling into their new class.

We thought this would be a good time to share a little more information about the Year 5&6 Team.

Team Name	Whales (Y6)	Stingrays (Y6)	Otters (Y5)	Turtles (Y5)
Teacher	Miss Thompson (Phase Leader)	Miss Palmer	Miss Allen	Mrs Smith
Assistant Teachers	Miss Carter, Mrs Hardy and Miss Storry			

Every Tuesday the teachers have time for PPA (planning, preparation and assessment). During this time, the children will be having a HUB lesson with Mrs Clay or Mrs Jarvis; a computing lesson with Mr Jordan; a music lesson with Mr Wharfedale and a PE lesson with Miss Collier.

The curriculum

This term we are studying Earth and Space, where children will learn about the solar system, the constellations and how the moon orbits the Earth. Throughout the topic children will cover Science, Design and Technology, Art and learn about the history of space travel. We have just started reading "The Kid Who Came From Space" in our daily reading sessions and we will use this to inspire our writing this term.

In maths, we will be covering Number, Place Value and the Four Operations to ensure children can demonstrate their understanding and become more fluent with instant recall facts. Additionally, we will be doing a weekly "Braeburn Beat That!" encouraging children to be more efficient with their mental methods.

We are focusing on well-being this term and making sure our children are ready to learn. We have daily check-ins, weekly WEB theme lessons and are learning about the importance of being active. As part of this, we have already learned about the skeletal system; how mental and physical health can be affected and some strategies to help us cope with our emotions. The children really enjoyed expressing themselves through some Picasso-inspired abstract art.

Homework

We would like to see children reading at home as often as possible. Reading regularly and widely will help to ensure that your child becomes a confident and independent learner. Comments in their reading record will help our staff to move your children on – which maintains the children's pace of progress and their enthusiasm. We also praise children with dojos for reading at home so make sure they have it written in their reading records.



Children will also receive weekly spelling homework, which we encourage you to explore with your children. We complete a spelling test every week and this counts towards the end of year judgements for writing so it is really important that children practise at every opportunity. We have just joined Spelling Shed and given your children logins for this, so they can practise their spellings online too.

Remember children have TimesTable RockStars logins so they can practise these at home too!

Attendance and Punctuality

In order for all children to achieve their full potential they must be in school every day, on time and ready to learn. We will set the children morning tasks which are an important start to the children's day. This work usually helps to consolidate any skills/knowledge previously learnt whilst also helping children prepare for the day ahead.

P.E.

Year 5/6 have P.E. lessons on Tuesdays. Please check that your child has a full P.E kit including socks, a white t-shirt, black shorts and trainers or plimsolls; everything should have their name on. If your child wears earrings, it is school policy that these are removed for P.E. lessons. Please either teach them to do this themselves or remove them before they come to school that day, as we are not allowed to do it for them. Please also make sure that your child brings a bobble on PE days if they have long hair.

Keep up to date with things going on around the school by accessing the schools twitter page :

@BraeburnPrimary



Lost Property

We would like to reduce the amount of lost property we accumulate in school. To help us reunite children with lost clothes it is essential they have names on all items of clothing. Please help us by labelling all of your child's property, including P.E. bags, kits and pack up boxes.

Dinner Money and Packed Lunches

We would appreciate payment via School Money for school dinners (£2.20 per day). However if you prefer to pay by cash or cheque please send dinner money for the week on a Monday morning in an envelope with your child's name on and which days they would like school dinners. Please make sure lunch money is kept up to date and any arrears from last term are paid. If you send your child with a packed lunch please remember **we are a nut free school**, this includes coconut-please check the ingredients.

Behaviour

Thank you for your continued support with our behaviour policy. We will continue to reward the children using dojos; please let us know if you are not receiving dojo alerts and would like more information about how to sign up to receive these. We also use a traffic light system in the classroom, children are rewarded for WOW moments and we would like to work together to ensure the children don't stray into WOBBLY or UNACCEPTABLE. Should your child find themselves on unacceptable, you will be contacted by a member of staff.

We hope you find the information in this letter helpful and please do let us know if you have any questions.



Best wishes,
Miss Thompson
UKS2 Phase Leader