



Years 5 and 6 Newsletter -Autumn 2025

Values this year: G.R.E.A.T.

On behalf of the Year 5 and 6 team, we would like to thank the pupils for how wonderfully they have settled into their new surroundings. The levels of maturity and effort shown by our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils is truly amazing.

Each child has been given a BEST email address, which they can use to login Google Classroom. This is where our children will continue their educational journey throughout the year. All log ins start with 19 or 20 followed by the initial of their first name and then their surname @mybest.org.uk eg. 19GGotham@mybest.org.uk. The passwords have been set to Student123 and each student will be asked to set a new one when they first log in. Any questions, please ask or email the class teachers: Otter ggotham@bestacademies.org.uk Sting Ray nharris@bestacademies.org.uk Manta Ray kbowskill@bestacademies.org.uk.

We look forward to a wonderful year working together with pupils, parents and staff alike.

Mathematics

We begin the term teaching the children about number and place value. We will build upon what the children have already learnt in previous years, before moving onto addition and subtraction.

We will then transfer these skills across a range of topics, including, fractions, decimals and percentages in Autumn 2 term.

Maths is a progressive subject; it will build upon previously taught units of work whilst extending and deepening the children's understanding.

English

This half-term, our English novel is the thrilling Stormbreaker from the Alex Rider series. We have begun the year creating our own spy stories, remembering to include all the language features, such as varying sentence lengths to really engage the reader.

Next half term, we will be exploring the Victorians through our class novel, Street Child. We will discuss what it was like to be a Victorian child and how they were treated. We look forward to creating an immersion experience, where the children can really get into character - details of this will be available to parents before the October half term.

Science and Foundation Subjects:

We begin the term studying animals including humans in our science unit of work. We will explore the human body and discuss what we can do to keep healthy.

History/Geography:

In history we are exploring The Sikh Empire. Exploring how the Sikh Empire was unified by Maharaja Ranjit Singh and the values and belief system of the Sikhs. In geography we will be analysing why the population changes.

UKS2 timetable

Sting Ray PE: Monday and Friday
Manta Ray PE: Tuesday and Friday

Reminders:

- Reading books must be brought into school every day
- English and maths homework is set at the end of the week (Friday) and is due the following Wednesday
- Spelling test day: Friday
- Please ensure your child brings a coat to school on a daily basis. We do go out to play in light rain showers!

This term, we will be exploring what life was like for children during the Victorian Era. Our Victorian school experience will include strict discipline, rote learning, chalkboards, traditional games among other immersive historical activities.