



Years 5 and 6 Newsletter -Autumn 2026

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 log in to Google Classroom. This is where our children will continue their educational journey throughout the year. All log ins start with 20 or 21 followed by the initial of their first name and then their surname @mybest.org.uk eg. 20GGotham@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 dmetcalfe@bestacademies.org.uk 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 on to 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.

Encouraging your child to use TTRockstars at home is a great way to help support with their maths.

English

Children will start by looking at narrative writing and create a scene designed to create mood, atmosphere and tension through setting and character.

They will then focus on Non-Chronological reports writing about a real or imaginary planet.

Following this, they will revisit narrative writing and be inspired by traditional tales.

At the end of the term, the children will be focusing on persuasive writing where they will get an opportunity to write a speech banishing a 'pet peeve' to 'Room 101'.

Spelling Shed will be used to support with spellings. Please encourage your children to log on at home as frequent practice makes a real difference.

Science and Foundation Subjects:

This term, we will be exploring **materials**, beginning with mixtures and how they can be separated using different techniques. We will then investigate the properties of different materials and explore how and why some materials change, including through heating and cooling.

History

In history we are looking at the Ancient Greeks. The children will investigate Athens and Sparta and use sources of evidence to learn about democracy. They will also learn about the Olympic games, architecture, art and theatre.

UKS2 timetable

Otter Class PE: Monday and Friday

Sting Ray PE: Monday and Wednesday

Manta Ray PE: Tuesday and Friday

Reminders:

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

We are excited for our upcoming Residential on Wednesday 7th October to Friday 9th. More information will follow shortly including a meeting for parents sharing key information.

For those children not attending, they will have an exciting time in school!