



UKS2 (Years 5 and 6) Newsletter -Autumn 2023

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

On behalf of the Year 5 and 6 team, I 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 Y6 child has been given a BEST email address, which they can use to login Google Classroom. This is where our Y6s will continue their educational journey throughout the year. All the week's work, along with the spellings and homework will be posted on Google Classroom at the end of every week. All log ins start with 17 followed by the initial of their first name and then their surname@mybest.org.uk eg. 17GGotham@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 me at ggotham@bestacademies.org.uk

I 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.

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:

In history we are exploring our local area and use sources, such as the national census, to identify what life was like for the Victorians.

UKS2 timetable

Otter Class PE: Monday and Wednesday

Reminders:

- Reading Books are changed on Monday
- 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!

Otter Class will have Forest School this term. You will receive a letter with all the information about this shortly.