

## What are we learning this half term?

This half term, in Maths we will be focusing on slightly different areas of learning in Years 5 and 6. Year 6 children will be moving on to Fractions, Decimals and Percentages and then Geometry looking at 2D and 3D shapes. Year 5 will focus on Geometry, looking at 2 and 3D shapes, angles and coordinates

In reading this half term, we will be looking at Williams Grill's 'Shackleton's Journey'. We will continue to use this text to help us develop key skills, such as retrieval, inference, deduction, summarizing and sequencing.

In our writing this half term, we are writing short stories, focusing on vocabulary choices and using speech and speech punctuation accurately.

## P.E Dates

In P.E this half term, we will be refining our Tag Rugby, Gymnastics and Dance skills. As the weather is cold please ensure your child comes to school in their full **P.E kit, which is a white t-shirt, black shorts, black jogging bottoms, pumps or trainers and a jumper.**

PE will be on the following days:

5HW **Tuesday and Wednesday**

5GA **Tuesday (swimming) and Friday**

6NP **Tuesday and Friday**

6CH **Tuesday and Thursday**

## School Uniform Reminder

A reminder that all children should come to school in school uniform. This includes a burgundy jumper or cardigan, white polo shirt and black trousers, skirt or pinafore.

**School shoes/trainers must be black.** The full policy can be found on our website.



## Early Bird Maths

Remember learning starts at 8:30. This gives the children the opportunity to continue to build on those valuable Maths skills. Some children in Y6 will also be invited to take part in morning or afternoon boosters.

## History and Science

Our History topic this half term will be **The Romans**. We will be focusing on the Roman Empire, the Roman Army and invasions, Roman life, in particular in Roman Britain and significant people of this time.

In Science we will be focusing on **Properties of Change in Materials - We're evolving**. We will be carrying out a number of investigations focusing on changes in materials and whether these are reversible or irreversible.

## Homework, Home Reading and Spellings

Reading is still a key focus area both in school and at home and we will ensure that children continue to bring a suitable book home daily to read. Please ensure your child reads at home each night and returns a completed journal each day.

Every Friday children will receive a reading and Maths homework to be returned the following Wednesday.

Each Monday, spellings will be sent home. Children will have a week to learn them before being tested.