



Supporting Your Child In Y5/6

Spring Term Letter 2022

Dear parent/s and carer/s,



We had a fantastic Autumn term in the Turtles Class and are now looking forward to the Spring term. Here are some details of this term's curriculum so that you are able to support your child with their learning at home. I hope that this letter will answer any questions that you have about the upcoming term but if you have any unanswered questions or require any further information, please email or phone the office or catch me on the door at the start/end of day.

English	Non-Fiction: Procedural writing (Instructions) and newspaper reports Poetry: Kennings Fiction: Stories containing historical figures
Maths	Fractions Decimals Percentages
Science	Properties and Changes of Materials
History	Early Islamic Civilisation The Aztecs
Geography	North America
Art/Design Technology	The work of Salvador Dali
RE/PHSE	What Do Religions Say To Us When Life Gets Hard? Why Go To a Place of Worship? Celebrating Differences

N.B: Like all good plans, this is subject to change.

Children will be working to the objectives for their year group (Year 5 or Year 6) in each area. All children will be supported and/or challenged depending on their individual needs. For those children who require support to access the content of the curriculum, extra adult support and/or intervention will be put in place to help plug any gaps. Those children who show that they are secure in the required content will be stretched and challenged during each lesson in order to reach their full potential.

Homework

We appreciate the invaluable contribution you, as parents, make to your child's education. Please support your child's learning by encouraging them to complete their homework each week. Children will be set homework on a Friday and this homework is due the following Wednesday. Sometimes, this homework will be on our online platform (Purple Mash) and sometimes it will be in homework books. If you do not already have a Purple Mash log in because you have joined us this week, these will be sent home shortly. In addition to weekly homework, your child should be practising their times tables on Times Table Rockstars regularly to support them with becoming more accurate and rapid with the recall of their times tables. Again, log ins for children new to the school this term will be sent home shortly.

Reading

In addition to their other homework, your child should also be reading at home on a (almost) daily basis, and often with an adult. They will bring two books home at a time – their reading scheme book (that is pitched to their reading ability) and a “sharer” that they have chosen themselves from our class reading corner or the school library. Their reading record should be completed each time they read at home, detailing what was read and with whom. Now your child is in KS2, they may wish to fill out their own reading record. Your child will be heard read at school and will have their books changed regularly. Please ensure their book bag, reading books and reading record are in school every day as reading sessions will take place at various points during the school week. We ask for your support in encouraging and monitoring your child's reading as it is absolutely critical to their development in Literacy. Please expose your child not only to the books provided by the school, but also to further material such as magazines, encyclopaedias and other books by their favourite authors. If your child has their own book from home that they are currently reading, they may bring it into school to read during our whole class reading sessions.

Your child will have access to their Oxford Reading Buddy (www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com) using their personal log in details. If you are new to the school, your child will receive a log in shortly. The Oxford Reading Buddy is an online library of hundreds of books that your child can access from a laptop, tablet or smart phone from home. It is a fun way to read at home and the children can also complete comprehension-based tasks and quizzes linked to each story.

PE

Please bring PE kit into school at the start of each half term. This will be stored in school and can be taken home as often as you wish for washing. Our PE day is a Tuesday. Please ensure all PE kit and your child's PE bag are labelled to avoid any lost property. Your child will need an outdoor and indoor PE kit appropriate for all weathers. If the weather is fine and warm enough, PE lessons will take place outside. If the weather is poor, they will take place in the hall. All hair should be tied back for PE and children should come to school with any earrings removed or covered up with micropore tape.

Your child will require:

Indoor/summer	Outdoor/winter
White t-shirt Black shorts Plimsolls	White t-shirt Black hoodie or zip jacket Black jogging bottoms/leggings Black trainers

Miscellaneous Messages

In Key Stage 2, fruit is no longer provided. Instead, your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack (e.g. fruit, cereal bar) to eat during their morning break.

Children should bring a bottle of water to school daily that they can drink during class to stay hydrated.

Please make sure that EVERYTHING (jumpers, PE kit, water bottles etc.) is labelled to prevent any lost property.

Please make sure that there are no products containing nuts in your child's lunch box or their morning snack. We have children in school who are highly allergic and we all have a duty to keep these children safe.

If you haven't already, please send in an old shirt (or similar) that your child can use for messy activities and art to protect their school uniform.

The children in Year 6 will sit their SATS exams in May. More information to follow.

Thank you for your ongoing support – we hope you are as excited about this term as we are!

Kind regards,

Miss Frearson and the team at New Lubbesthorpe

