

# Year 5/6 Spring Newsletter

Welcome back to school and welcome to Spring term!

Spring is always a slightly shorter term, but with just as many things to pack in. Year 5 and 6 already have lots of things to look forward to this term.

## Key Dates

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Year 6 First Aid Training
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Year 6 Black History Fortnight begins
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Rotary Quiz 7pm
  - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day
  - Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week begins
    - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April – last day of term

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask the class teacher or Miss Broadhurst (Team Leader).

Thank you,  
Team 5/6

## Other Information

- Please ensure that your child reads regularly at home, it can be an excellent way to share their developing reading skills and show off. Studies have also shown that regular readers make great writers!
- Children are encouraged to bring a named bottle of water each day to have in the classroom.
- Children can bring a healthy snack, which they keep in their bag/tray, for playtime. A piece of fruit is ideal.
- The children are using the online programme 'TT Rockstars' to enhance their Mathematics skills - it would be fantastic if they could share this with you at home.
- Please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit in schools for their allocated PE days (see below):

	<u>Indoor</u>	<u>Outdoor</u>
<b>Chameleons</b>	Friday	Tuesday
<b>Jaguars</b>	Friday	Monday
<b>Pelicans</b>	Monday	Tuesday
<b>Lions</b>	Friday	Tuesday
<b>Toucans</b>	Tuesday	Friday
<b>Turtles</b>	Thursday	Wednesday

### What did Year 5 get up to in Autumn Term?

Last term, Year 5 learnt all about 'Britain at war – WW1'. At the beginning of the topic we were transported back to the pre-war Britain, the Edwardian times. We spent time researching the role of men and women in society dependent on social class, their jobs, their clothing by making peg dolls and we discovered objects that would have been in their households by going on an archeological dig. When Britain's involvement in WW1 commenced more men had to enroll into the army; we were recruited by Lord Kitchener to make some persuasive leaflets to encourage young men to enlist. As the War Office were impressed with the response of many men enlisting we were recruited to write reports on the trench conditions. First, we had to visit the trenches in order to collect as much information as we could. Shockingly, we learnt that 800,000 British soldiers died during WW1, during a Marvelous Math's day we looked at how big this number was using arrays of 100 soldiers. Our array nearly covered the whole hall, it made us reflect the devastating impact of the war. We also spent time learning WW1 dances and songs, making recycled iPad cases, creating sculptures of what war looked like to us and shared our fantastic homework during homework sharing.

**Well done on a great Autumn Term, Year 5 – keep up the hard work!**



### Year 6 highlights from Autumn Term

Year 6 have worked incredibly hard this term and have made some great progress as a result! Miss Broadhurst, Miss Paterson and Mr Peel are so proud of what they have achieved.

To end the autumn term, Year 6 had a visit from a Tudor! Throughout the day, the children became members of Henry VIII's household (set back in May 1536) as the rumours of Queen Anne Boleyn's traitorous acts began to swirl. They transformed into servants, peasants and craftsmen. The children got a chance to see how soap and candle making, leatherworking, embroidery and painting were all incorporated into everyday life. The day built to a crescendo in the afternoon with a big Tudor banquet complete with singing, dancing and other performances which were all fantastic.

**A super hard-working term, well done Year 6!**



