

UKS2 Spring 1 News!



Spring 1!

A very Happy New Year from all of us in UKS2! It's the start of a brand new year and like all new beginnings, it's time to freshen up and *SPRING* into action.

The first half of this Spring term sees the return of some curriculum subject favourites. In writing, the children will be recreating famous Greek Mythological stories using the skills learnt during their SPAG week (inverted commas for speech) to add that cherry on top of their work! In topic, we will investigate how the Second World War impacted the lives of those living in Leeds. This is littered with some fascinating stories and will be helped brought to life by reading 'Goodnight Mr Tom' in our novel sessions. With all this and more, we can't wait to see how the year begins.

Thank you very much to all parents and carers for ensuring your child/ren is/are coming to school each day – it has been noticeable how much progress these amazing young people are making, yet now more than ever (particularly with SATs looming for our Y6's).

Important dates

15th January – Spring clubs begin
16th January – Xtreme readers trip
31st January and 1st February – Y6 parents consultations.
8th February – last day of Spring 1!

P.E

INDOOR - this half term we will focus on gymnastics, looking at the different principles associated with it.

OUTDOOR, the children will continue improving their rugby skills.

P.E KIT – please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing for indoor and outdoor P.E sessions (black shorts/trousers, a plain black/blue top and suitable footwear)

P.E days

Y5 – Tuesday and Wednesday
(5ES have swimming on Tuesdays for Spring 1 and 2)
Y6 – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Swimming

5ES will begin swimming in Spring 1 – first lesson on **9th January 2024**.

Please send your child in their swimming kit underneath their uniform and a bag with a towel and spare underwear in.

Art

This half term, we will be researching, innovating and then creating a piece of artwork in the style of David Hockney. Famous for using oil and acrylic paints, the children will harness this technique to produce their very own 'Hockney' inspired landscape painting.



Early Bird

Arrive in school as soon as you so can so we can do our early morning activities together. Doors open at 8:30. Breakfast club continues to be available from 7.30am.

Reading books

Each morning, your child has a chance to show off the reading they've been doing at home to their teachers. Remember to bring in your reading diary and earn those dojos!

History

In History, we will be looking at conflict and war. Beginning with a 'Brief history of WW2', the children move onto looking at the UK's involvement in it, particularly the role of Women in War. The children will have the opportunity to investigate our city's role in the war efforts and how that impact is felt today.

Science

In science, our focus this half term is electricity. Years 5 and 6 will build on their learning from previous years, investigating the responsibilities of different circuit components and their importance with the aim of 'Bringing R2D2 back to life'.