

UKS2 Newsletter

September 2020

Welcome back!

A great big welcome back – we have missed you all so much! Whilst it was great to see what you were all up to on ClassDojo or in school, nothing beats a bit of team spirit in the classroom and we are ready and raring to have you all safely back! We hope you are all feeling rested and ready for a great year with some exciting new topics.

We are kick-starting the year with a whole school topic centred around Oliver Jeffers' book: *Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth*. We will then focus on our first UKS2 topic: 'Why do we need human rights?' We have lots of creative ideas ready and we cannot wait to see what you all come up with!

For more information about what we will be covering, please take a look at our topic webs and knowledge organisers which are available on the website.



Meet the teaching team! Teaching the wonderful Year 5s alongside the legendary Mrs Batt, is our lovely, new member of staff Miss Wells. Our super Year 6s will be taught by Miss Campbell and Mr Watkins.

Upcoming Dates:

9th September: Work starts on the final stage of our playground project!

24th September: Online celebration of our work on Oliver Jeffers book: *Here We Are*

19th – 23rd October– Project Virtual Learning celebration

26th – 30th October– DT Week Virtual Celebration

23rd October: End of Term 1

There will be a virtual camp meeting this term, date tbc!

Keeping everyone safe

We cannot wait to welcome back Team BG for another fantastic year together. To ensure that we are all back safely and raring to go please remember:

1. To check your **child's temperature** before they come to school EVERY morning
2. To make sure your child has **washed or sanitised their hands before coming to school**. Regular handwashing times will be adhered to in school as well.
3. If you have a message for your child's class teacher, please email or **contact the school office**. Your child's class teacher will then get back to you as soon as possible where necessary.

Supporting your child at home.

Our topic webs, which will be sent next week and be available online, are a great place to start for ways to support your child at home. They contain all of the skills that your child will learn over the term so any additional support from you would be amazing.

Reading at home is a great way to develop young peoples' love of books, as well as help them to become more confident and proficient writers. We cannot emphasise enough how important it is to encourage your child to read a range of books and to read regularly; ideally every day. You might read with them, to them, or ask them to read to you. Listening to stories as audiobooks is a particularly good way to enjoy stories, language and writing. Talking to your child about the book they are reading and checking their understanding of it are really important part too.

Maths is EVERYWHERE! Why not chant your times tables, scale recipes up and down, ask your child to count the change after your local shop or even measure and build something together – the opportunities are endless.

Home Learning

Each week your child should practise their spellings on EdShed, their times tables on TTRS and read at least once a day.



The overview including the termly spellings will be uploaded onto ClassDojo.

To support us with bringing as little into school as possible, **please upload a weekly image of your child's reading log** to their ClassDojo portfolio. These will be monitored by class teachers to ensure their reading is being celebrated in school.

Year 6 will eventually have a set of revision guides purchased by the school and will have pages set from these.

Permission to walk home

Many children in UKS2 like the responsibility this key stage brings such as walking to and from school by themselves. If you haven't done so already, but would like to give your child permission to walk home from school on their own, please email the school office so that they can update our list.

Your child will not be released to walk home unless we have your written consent.

P.E.

Please ensure your child has the following for PE:

- Their house colour t-shirt (branded versions are available to buy or plain house colour t-shirts are absolutely fine),
- plain black shorts or jogging bottoms,
- white socks and plain trainers or daps.

During the colder weather, your child can wear a dark coloured tracksuit to ensure they are warm enough when doing PE outside. These must be plain and unbranded.

Year 6, Sycamore and Elm: Tuesday Outdoor PE, Thursday Indoor PE
Year 5, Ash: Monday Outdoor PE, Wednesday Indoor PE