



## **Meet the Teacher Summary 2020**

Welcome to Years 5 and 6. Things are a little more different than normal in school at the moment, but the children have returned well and are settling into new routines. Please find below some guidance regarding different aspects of 5/6 life!

### **Link Book**

All children in Year 5/6 have been given a link book. The purpose of this book is to help the pupils with their organisation, particularly with homework and important dates. It is also another useful way for parents and teachers to communicate. Spelling lists come home in a separate folder but home reading will be recorded in this book. Children are expected to have this book in school every day. Parents must sign at least once a week to acknowledge the reading at home.

### **Homework**

Pupils in Years 5 and 6 are set:

- Learning Journal (red book) – Out on Monday, due on a Friday. This could be uploaded on to the class Padlet page (details of which will be sent out via link books).
- Spelling lists – given every week. There will be NO FORMAL SPELLING TESTS in school, however it is expected that the children will practise each week's list. They could also use the Spelling Shed website (details also in link books) as a way of practising.
- Values homework is set half termly (6x a year) - optional.

*In addition, the years 6s are set:*

- SPaG - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar is generally set on a Thursday and due in the following Monday.
- Maths – Out on Wednesday, due the following Monday.

It is expected that each piece of homework should take about half an hour.

We are always willing to listen if your child is unable to hand in the homework on time.

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In addition to set homework it is expected that children will keep up regular practice of times tables and read daily (or be read to by an adult- audio books count too!).

### **Curriculum and Topics**

#### **Autumn:**

We have begun the year by exploring a picture book called Journey by Aaron Becker and we are using that as a stimulus for art, DT and drama work as the children settle back into school life.

Geography – map skills as part of our Survival topic.

Science – Forces: gravity, friction, air and water resistance; evolution and inheritance.

#### **Spring:**

History – World War II.

Science – the solar system; life cycles.

#### **Summer:**

History – changing Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age.

Science – Human biology; classification.

### **PE**

Please ensure that your child has correct kit in school every day in case of last minute PE due to adverse weather.

### **Kit:**

White t-shirt, black shorts (or jogging bottoms for outside if preferred), daps or trainers. For children wearing ear-rings, please make sure that they are able to remove them or have suitable tape to cover them.

### **Water Bottles**

Regular hydration aids concentration and pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. In Year 5/6 it is the pupils' responsibility to fill their own water bottle.

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### **Pick Up**

Please let us know if there are any changes to your arrangements for how your child will be getting home – walking, being picked up etc.

### **Contacting us**

If you feel you would like to contact us at any time about your child's progress or a concern, this can easily be arranged. Please send a message via the class email addresses ([turquoise@minchscool.net](mailto:turquoise@minchscool.net) / cobalt@... / sky@...) or phone the school office. Meetings may have to be held virtually.

Thank you for reading and we look forward to working with you to make this a successful year.

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