

Meet the Teacher Summary 2022-23

Welcome to Years 5 and 6. Please find below some guidance regarding different aspects of 5/6 life this year.

Staffing

The teaching team working in this phase are: Ms McCarron, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Gryspeerdt, Miss Smith, Mrs Bainbridge, Mrs Cohen, Mrs Hoppner, Mr Tovey, Mr Weinberger, Miss Leaver, Mrs Ellis and Mrs Aldridge.

Allergies

There are children in the school with severe allergies to nuts or eggs, but last year egg or Nutella sandwiches were being sent in packed lunches – both potentially extremely harmful. Please take care to make packed lunches without any nuts or eggs.

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. 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 & 6 are set:

- Reading most evenings (and recorded in link books).
- Spelling, given out each week, will be practised and checked in school. It is expected that the children will engage with each week's list at home (the spellings will be shared on the 5/6 Google classroom. They could also use the Spelling Shed website (details also in link books) as a way of practising.

In addition, the years 6s are set:

- SPaG - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar is generally set on a Thursday and due in the following Thursday.
- Maths homework will be given out on a Wednesday and due in 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.

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, and audio books count too!).

Curriculum and Topics

Autumn:

Geography – map and navigation skills as part of our Survival topic, learning about Shackleton's Endeavour expedition.

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

Spring:

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

Science – the solar system; life cycles.

Summer:

History – World War II.

Science – Human biology; classification.

PE

Please ensure that your child wears their PE kit to school on their PE day (Monday and Friday for Cobalt class; Wednesday and Thursday for Sky; Monday And Wednesday for Turquoise).

Kit:

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

Water Bottles

Pupils are encouraged to drink water throughout the day. In Year 5/6 it is the pupils' responsibility to fill their own water bottle.

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, send a message via the class email addresses (turquoise@minchscool.net / cobalt@... / sky@...) or contact the school office.

Google Classrooms

There is a Year 5/6 Google classroom set up for this year. Your child can access this using their school Gmail login. Weekly work and resources will be posted on the Classwork tab there – in case of illness or if your child wants to explore some of our school work further at home...

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