



**Brooksward School**  
**Curriculum Newsletter**  
**Year 5/6**  
**Autumn Term, 2023**



**Welcome back!**

This leaflet is to provide you with some information about the experiences the children will have this term and the expectations we have so they can be successful in Years 5 and 6.

If you need further details about anything in this leaflet then please contact your child's teacher who will be more than happy to help.

We look forward to continuing to work with you during the year so that you child can enjoy school life and achieve as much as they possibly can.

The Year 5/6 Team.

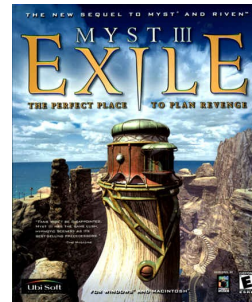
**Year 5/6 Staff:**

Teachers: Miss Docherty, Miss Regan & Mrs Stevens, Miss Brereton and Miss Morozova

Supported by: Mrs Boothman, Mrs Jain, Mrs Sharpe & Mrs Murphy

## English

During the first half term, our Literacy will be linked with the PC game *Myst Exile*. In class, we will explore the different settings, characters and puzzles within the game and use these to inspire our writing. Through the game, we will be writing setting descriptions, verbal news reports and narratives to describe the gameplay.



In the second half term, we will be reading texts and basing our writing around our topic of Ancient Greece. We will be exploring myths and legends including Theseus and the Minotaur and Icarus. This unit will include writing reports, narratives and character descriptions. In addition, children will take part in reading, spelling, punctuation and grammar lessons as well as regular handwriting practise.

## Maths

This term, Year 5 and 6 will be consolidating their understanding of place value and developing their written method knowledge for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and applying these to large and decimal numbers.



Following this, they will begin a unit of work on fractions, this will include learning how to find fractions of amounts, equivalent fractions and the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages.

All children will also take part in daily maths drill sessions to help

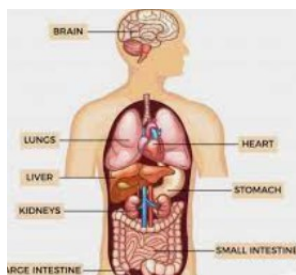
## Topic

Our topics this term include Space and Beyond, Inheritance and Ancient Greece.



## Science

In Year 5 Science, Space and Beyond will allow the children to explore and learn about space outside of the Earth. planets and orbits of the planets. In Year 6, children will be learning about Charles Darwin's theory of evolution and which evidence we have for the theory.



In the following half term, Year 5 will learning about Forces and investigating the effects of gravity, air resistance and friction. In Year 6, children be learning about the human body. We shall be discussing the functions of major organs such as the heart and lungs, as well as how exercise impacts the body.

## Geography

In Geography, we will be exploring the country of Russia. We will learn about Russia's geographical features including biomes types, architecture, natural resources and linking nicely to our Year 5 Science topic, its part within the Great Space Race.



## History

After half term, we will focus on Ancient Greece in our History lessons. We shall be learning about Ancient Greek society and the ideas that they developed, that we still have today, such as democracy.



## Art



In art, we will be undertaking a study of the famous artist Vincent Van Gogh, looking at his famous painting Starry Night and learning the skills to paint in his style. We shall be using pastels and wax crayons to create a replica piece, as well understanding exactly who

Vincent Van Gogh was.

## DT

In the following half term, we shall be creating Greek Cranes in DT. We shall be learning about and creating the tricky mechanisms needed to carry heavy items, as the Ancient Greeks would have. We shall begin by developing a design criteria based on a design brief, and research the purpose and structure of the crane.

## PSHE

In PSHE, we shall be learning about the importance of keeping ourselves safe online, by keeping our passwords to ourselves and how to use mobile phones responsibly. During the second half term, we shall discuss how we can work together. This will involve recognising that we all have different opinions and experiences, but we can be still be respectful of one another.



## Computing

In Computing our focus will be e-safety this term: Year 5s will learning about personal data and creating blogs advising others how to keep their personal details safe. Year 6s will be learning about e-safety within the context of digital medial and copyright. They will then use this learning to create a Prezi presentation for a specific audience.

Later in the term, the children will continue developing their knowledge of algorithms and the language of programming using Scratch (Year 5) and Kodu (Year 6).



## Music

This year, we are very lucky to have Mr McCarthy (Drayton Park's music teacher) teaching Years 5 & 6 music each week. They will be learning about musical terms such as beat, pulse and rhythm. Also throughout the year, they will be learning how to play the ukuleles—very exciting!

## French

We will be learning to describe portraits in French and will write descriptions of our friends. We will then move on to looking at seasons and the world around us.



## RE

In RE lessons this half term we will be exploring how various religions impact people's daily lives. Throughout the topic, we shall be looking at how religious people spend their time and how religion's impact on daily lives has changed over time.

During the second half term, we will be learning about historically inspirational people of faith.

Throughout the topic, we shall be covering a range of different religions and exploring the actions of figures such as Elizabeth Fry and Guru Nanak.



## P.E

The children will be working with Coach Dave to learn about the rules and skills needed in different indoor and outdoor invasion games. In Year 5 they will be focusing on hockey and Year 6 will focus on tactics within a range of games). To participate safely in the lessons, the children must bring in a full PE kit on the following days:

**Swans: Tuesday and Friday**

**Hérons: Monday and Friday**

**Mallards: Monday and Thursday**

**Kingfishers: Monday and Wednesday**



## Homework

Every week, the children will be expected to complete the following homework:

- Times table or division facts practise - 4 times
- Spelling practice - 4 times (Spellings will be tested on Wednesday in Year 6 and Friday in Year 5)
- Reading - 4 times (Reading diaries will be checked on Fridays)
- One piece of Maths and English to be completed on MyMaths and Teams. (Set on Thursday, due back on the following Tuesday)

**Teachers will be rewarding great home learning habits with dojos!**