

# Welcome to Year 5 and 6

There are 3 classes in Year 5/6: one Year 5, one Year 5/6 and one Year 6.

The staff are as follows:

6G Mr Gotheridge, Mrs Smith and Mr Watson

5MD – Mrs Martin (Monday to Wednesday) & Mrs Dickenson (Thursday & Friday)

5/6CD Mrs Clemens (Monday to Wednesday am) & Mrs Dobson (Wednesday pm, Thursday & Friday).

The teachers in Year 5/6 work hard as a team along with our teaching assistants to plan and deliver an exciting and informative curriculum for all of the children. The team is managed by Mr Gotheridge.

The day starts at 8.45 when children can enter the classroom where their teachers are waiting for them. Each class begins their day with a 15 minute basic skills session during register time. This includes number work, calculations and spelling, punctuation and grammar activities. This will consolidate and extend your child's learning.

During the morning children will also have reading, writing, maths, spelling, punctuation and grammar sessions. Children are offered a variety of experiences with indoor and outdoor learning, practical activities and speaking and listening opportunities to enable children's confidence to develop alongside their academic abilities. We try our hardest to use our topics to inspire children's reading, writing and maths and try to include as many subjects as we can. You will receive a termly newsletter telling you about the topics for that term.

Each year we try to organise a range of visitors and trips to support children's learning. Last year we went to the cinema, visited Darley Barn outdoor Centre and enjoyed a residential trip to Ilam Hall. We aim to provide a Y5/6 residential visit once every two years and we are careful to keep the costs as low as possible.



As well as our topics, we are keen to teach children about different celebrations throughout the year. We always take part in Harvest Festival, and our children often attend the Harvest Moon parade which is held locally. We learn about different religions and festivals from around the world, and through doing this hope to support children's understanding and tolerance of different cultures. In addition to our everyday lessons, we also enjoy themed weeks throughout the year. This year, we are taking part in a festivals week, an outdoor and wellbeing week and a local history week.



In Key Stage Two pupils will be given a Reading Record and a reading book appropriate for their level. In the Reading Record, the teacher or teaching assistant will note down when your child has been listened to. Each day, the children take part in whole class reading lessons where they will how to develop a variety of reading skills. It is an incredibly important part of children's development to read daily and this means that we rely on your support at home to listen to your child read as often as possible and write in the Reading Record when this has happened.



As well as daily reading the children will be given weekly homework activities to complete. This will include spellings to learn, short tasks based on English or Maths activities and may include slightly longer projects for children to do during holidays or over a couple of weeks. In Year 6, your child will have the opportunity to attend revision sessions twice a week afterschool too.



In Year 5/6 we always strive to do our best for your children, to help them make progress in their lessons and to help them develop into confident and happy learners ready for their move to secondary education.