

# WALPOLE CROSS KEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome back, I hope you have had an enjoyable Christmas break. We have had a busy start to the New Year.

### Our Themes

Our first theme is 'What's Happening Now'. - We will learn about different types of natural disasters nationally or internationally and find out about environmental problem. Pupils will look at the geographical causes of disasters and their impact.

After half term, our theme will be 'A Voyage of Discovery'. We will use the voyage of the HMS Beagle (Darwin's ship) and Darwin's recounts of the voyage to find out about: Time zones, Climate zones, Biomes and Vegetation belts.

### English

There will be many different writing opportunities during this term. Pupils will develop their skills of report writing in English before they begin their consolidation of this work in geography.

In the second half term the pupils will have opportunities for writing letters, explanations, note taking, recounts and discussions. We will continue developing our spellings and grammar and implementing this learning within our writing.

### Maths

We will be covering many areas in maths this term. We will be learning about line graph and pie charts as well as timetables. We will look at the link between decimals and percentages before revisiting multiplication and division before making links to algebra and ratio.

### Science

We will be looking at the heart and how it pumps blood around the body. We will also discover how to keep their bodies healthy and how their bodies might be damaged. The focus is on lifestyle choices that humans make and how these are informed by scientific evidence.

The children will carry out investigations and make predictions, record results and evaluate.

## Home Learning

Home Learning activities shall be set at the beginning of each half term. The children will be given a choice of six activities to choose from. Their completed work will be shared with the class and celebrated at the end of every half term. In addition, spellings, reading activities and maths homework will also be sent home on a weekly basis.



## Reading Books



We should have our reading books and records in school every day and should read at home as often as we can. Children should be reading with an adult where possible so that the adults can ask them questions about what they have read to check their understanding.

## PE

It is important to make sure that we have PE kits in school throughout the week. Children will need shorts, a t-shirt or a tracksuit (for those colder outdoor sessions), trainers and plimsolls.

This half term, the children will continue working with Sam Loomes every **Wednesday afternoon** who works within the curriculum to ensure each individual is being challenged to their ability. These PE lessons are designed to work core skills (for example, throwing and catching/hand eye co-ordination)



and consist of a warm up which will progress into an activity where a specific skill will be put into practice in a game situation at the end. Sam strives to make every lesson fun and enjoyable to make sure the children are putting full effort into it to maximise their performance and development.

We thank you for your support with your child's learning. Please feel free to see me if you have any questions or concerns.

**Mrs Robinson**