



YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER



WELCOME BACK

We hope you and all of your family had a lovely time during the Easter holidays and enjoyed your Easter eggs! It has been great to welcome everyone back and the children have all settled back extremely well into their learning!

As a school, we continue to utilise Class Dojo as an amazing tool for communicating with home and school and supporting your children's learning. We will continue to use this as a resource to communicate between home and school. Whilst we aim to reply to messages as soon as we can, this is not always possible. Please be mindful that staff have their families to go home to and spend time with and will not be expected to reply or check messages outside of working hours which are between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm, Monday-Friday.

If something is particularly important, please contact the school office, as staff may not check our messages until the children have gone home due to teaching commitments. Thank you for your continued support in using Dojo to support our children's learning.

Please keep an eye on the school website to see our knowledge mat uploaded each term as well as a copy of this newsletter:
www.mapplewellsprimary.co.uk Any important information or letters will be shared with you over Class Dojo or sent directly to your emails that you provided our office team with. Moreover, you can find regular updates in our weekly school newsletter posted on our website.

Key dates:

Friday 24 th April	Dress Like Art Day
Fri 1 st May	Colour Dash Sponsorship
Mon 11 th - Thurs 14 th May	SATs week
Wed 20 th May	Trip to Ashfield Fire Station
Fri 12 th June	Professional Artist Visitor
Mon 1 st - Tues 2 nd July	Y5 Residential
Wed 8 th - Fri 10 th July	Y6 Residential
Wed 22 nd July	Children's Art Showcase & Auction

SATs

This year's end of Key Stage assessments for our Y6 pupils will take place between 11th and 14th May 2026.

- **Monday – Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar**
- **Tuesday – Reading**
- **Wednesday – Maths Arithmetic and Reasoning (Papers 1 and 2)**
- **Thursday – Maths Reasoning (Paper 3)**

To maximize the revision time, children will be taught in CORE classes until the assessment takes place. Y6 will still complete all their curriculum learning throughout the term. During this time, Y5 children continue their usual curriculum and will take part in the DAaRT – Drug, Alcohol and Resilience Training programme which aims to equip them with a range of knowledge and skills that they can use as they transition to secondary and beyond.

Curriculum Enquiry



During our Art-led enquiry, the children will be focusing on the question - 'What Does African Art Teach us?'. They will explore different art styles and African artists to learn about the importance of cultural context and the impact of spiritual beliefs on art.

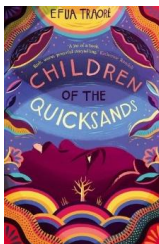
Children will plan, draft, evaluate and finally create their own piece of African art. These fantastic pieces of art will, along with their sketchbooks, will be showcased in a parent / guardian workshop at the end of term. The final pieces will be available to purchase as part of the children's authentic outcome for their hard-work, and to add a sense of purpose for 'being' an artist.



English

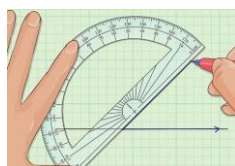
This term, the children in both year groups will be focusing on various genres. The children will continue to practice their punctuation and spelling, as well as the use of various grammatical features.

As in the previous term, we will continue to encourage a love of reading through an end-of-a-day story or a poem. We have a great variety of enquiry-related books lined up for the children to discover. **It is highly important that your child reads regularly at home to help them with their comprehension and reading stamina.** Please continue to record your child's read in their pupil organisers as we monitor them each week.



Mathematics

Throughout the Summer term, Year 5 children will be focusing on geometry and measurement areas of Maths. They will learn how to measure and draw angles, as well as revisit the different types of angles. Alongside this, they will also practise efficient strategies for adding and subtracting decimals. Within Year 6, children will continue to practice a wide range of areas within fluency activities. This will be even more apparent with the lead up to SATS in order to recap prior learning. The core objectives covered by Year 6 children throughout the summer term are the following: area, perimeter, volume, statistics, shape & algebra. After SATS, maths will consist of themed projects and other areas that will support the transition to Ashfield.



Science

In Year 5, the children will be learning about Space and investigate the position and movement of the planets, the Sun and the Moon. They will analyse the Earth's rotation and study how we experience night and day. Children will also learn about the changes we go through as humans develop into old age.

In Year 6 the children will be looking at the unit 'Animals Including Humans' which will consist of exploring the human circulatory system and delving into the benefits of leading a healthy lifestyle. Secondly, we will be covering 'Evolution and Inheritance'.

Physical Education

In the Summer term, **ALL** children will have their PE lessons on **Tuesdays**. To maximise the PE curriculum, our second PE sessions are on **different days**. **Willow and Rowan Class will have this on Thursdays. Pine class will be on Fridays.** Our PE will consist of Cricket, Gymnastics and Rounders throughout the term.

Additionally, the children will have an additional swimming session at Lammas Leisure Centre.

These will take place on Monday mornings. Y5 in Summer 1 term and Y6 in Summer 2 term (after the May half term).

Please can we remind you that children should be wearing the correct / appropriate kit on our PE days. As a continued safety measure, **no jewellery** should be worn during PE. Please see a separate swimming letter for information on the suitable swimwear your child is expected to wear.



History

Our history topic this term will be enhancing our curriculum. The children will be learning about the Benin Kingdom where they will focus on their traditions, beliefs, political structure and everyday life. Additionally, the children will continue using their analytical skills and contrast key aspects of Benin civilization with Egyptian and modern British history.



Further curriculum

Alongside the previous subjects mentioned, the children will be covering various areas of learning, within multiple other subjects, across the term: Modern Foreign Languages, Music, Learning for Life and Religious Education.

Finally, if there are any issues, you wish to speak with us about please come and see us and if the issue cannot be dealt with there and then, we will arrange a convenient time for us to meet.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and we look forward to seeing you all throughout the year.

The Year 5/6 Team.

