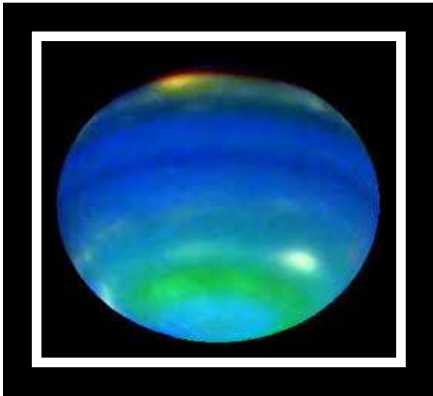


Welcome to Years 5 and 6



Neptune, Comets, Mars

Mrs. Etheridge

Miss. Smith

Ms.Henderson/Mrs.Worsley

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Your child has now reached the end stages of their primary school education. Years 5 and 6 are really important years, getting the children ready for the SATs and preparing your child for the move to high school. We hope that this booklet will give you the information you need to ensure that both you and your child are happy and confident during the transition to Years 5 and 6. If there is any more information you would like please don't hesitate to ask.

Learning in Year 5 and 6

It is really important that children moving into Year 5 and 6 become motivated, independent learners. There is a lot to cover in terms of the curriculum and the Year 5 and 6 children need to be ready to learn from day one.

Year 5 and 6 children will participate in carefully planned independent and small group work, adult led, adult directed and child initiated learning activities in all subject areas.

Mrs Etheridge leads Years 5 and 6 and is the class teacher for Neptune class. Miss Smith is the class teacher for Comet class and Ms. Henderson is the class teacher for Mars class covering Mrs. Worsley's maternity leave.

Daily Routines in Years 5 and 6

- Children need to be in the playground ready to line up independently when the whistle is blown at 8.45am
- Playtimes are at 10.40-10.55am and 2.10-2.25pm. Children can bring a healthy snack (please see snack policy which is available on the school's website). Lunchtime is at 12.30-1.10pm.
- Children are allowed a water bottle in school which will be stored by the sink in their classes. It should have their name on it.

Homework in Years 5 and 6

- We give out weekly homework in Maths and English including a weekly spelling list and termly 'Project Homework' which is related to the History/Geography or Science unit of work we are studying. This is a piece of work, which is then presented to the rest of the class. The children need to organise and plan their time so that there is enough detail to illustrate six weeks of work and the submission deadline is met.
- In addition, Year 6 children will be given revision packs to work through in the run up to the KS2 SATs.



Mrs Etheridge
Year 5 and 6 Lead
Neptune Class Teacher



Miss Smith
Comets Class Teacher



Ms Henderson
Assistant Head Teacher
Designated Safeguarding Lead
Mars Class Teacher



Mrs Worsley
Mars Class Teacher

Year 5 and 6 Curriculum – Cycle 1

Below is a schedule of when we will teach units of work. This may be subject to change.

	HT1	HT2	HT3	HT4	HT5	HT6
English	Autobiography Greek Myth	Diary Clockwork	Newspaper report Thriller	Goodnight Mister Tom - Evacuee letter/Writing dialogue	Persuasive brochure Balanced argument	Narrative poetry
Maths	Place Value 4 operations	4 operations Fractions	Decimals Percentages Algebra (Y6)	Ratio (Y6) Statistics Measurement	Geometry Decimals	Negative numbers (Y5) Volume (Y5) Transition projects (Y6)
Science	Living Things: what is the same, what is different?	Evolution – how do living things change over time and place?	Light – How do we see?	Circulation – how do our choices affect how our bodies work?	Can we vary the effects of electricity?	
History	Ancient Greece: what is its legacy?			WW2 – why was the Battle of Britain a significant turning point in history?	WW2 – why was the Battle of Britain a significant turning point in history?	
Geography			Why is our Earth violent?			Russia Northern Frontier–
Art	Figures in action	Ancient Greek pots	William Turner - Watercolour			
DT				How can I make a meal using war-time rations?		What game would Tesla have played?
Computing	Online safety	MS Excel	Coding		Web Page design	
RE	We follow Kirklees agreed syllabus					
PSCHE	Be yourself	Aiming high	It's my body	Money matters	Britain	TEAM
French	We will be following the Planit French scheme					
PE	Gymnastics/ rugby	Speed, agility/ dance	Badminton/ gymnastics	Gymnastics/ netball/ swimming (y5)	Cricket/ rounders/ swimming (y5)	Athletics/ swimming (y5)
Music	We will be following the Charanga scheme					

Reading

Parents are invited to come in and read with their children during weekly sessions. The children are encouraged to read as frequently and widely as possible. We base our reading comprehension work around our core texts/class novels and a range of SATs style assessments; they will complete a series of questions which will assess their understanding. The more they read and understand, the greater the impact on their writing, grammar and spelling. Consequently Year 5/6 children may take their reading book home with them every day but they must bring them into school every day for a daily reading session.

Swimming in Year 5

In Year 5, children will complete half a year of compulsory swimming with Kirklees. This year it is expected to start in HT4 (February 2025) Children will need suitable swimwear, swimsuit or shorts (no bikinis or surfing shorts) and a swim cap. More information will be issued about expectations in the Spring term.

Residential in Years 5 and 6

In the summer term, the Year 5 children go on a 3 day residential trip to Little Deer Wood. In the spring term, the Year 6 children will go on a 5 day residential to Derwent Water. These are particularly enjoyable visits that the children will remember forever. More details will be sent out later in the year.

SATs

The 2025 tests are scheduled for **Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025**. It is vitally important that your child attends school all this week. The timetable is usually as follows but this is subject to change.

Monday: Spelling Punctuation and Grammar Test

Tuesday: Reading Test

Wednesday: Maths Calculations Paper & Reasoning Paper 1

Thursday: Maths Reasoning Paper 2

After SATs we usually have a treat day. This will be announced nearer the time.

General Information

- Please send any messages for the teacher in an email addressed to y56.hopton@kirkleeseducation.uk with the name of the class teacher: Mrs Etheridge, Miss Smith, Ms Henderson or Mrs.Worsley depending on the issue. Please note – class teachers will no longer answer direct messages from parents/carers through class dojo.
- If your child is unable to do PE, they must have a written letter/email explaining why.
- For PE, children with long hair must tie it back and earrings must be covered with tape or taken out.
- Please make sure children bring the correct PE uniform – not football boots and shirts. This needs to stay in school and taken home every half term to be washed.
- Children may bring in their own pencil cases but they must be able to fit inside their class drawer. Larger pencil cases will be sent home.
- Please encourage your child to practise their weekly spellings using Spelling Shed – this is monitored.

Online Safety

Many Year 5/6 children spend a lot of their time on social networks, even ones that are too old for them. We have had a number of issues concerning inappropriate use of such networks, in addition to texting and emails. This has led to some children becoming very stressed in class.

When children bring issues relating to online activity into school it can become very disruptive. Please be vigilant regarding your child's online activity and encourage them to voice any of their concerns rather than try to deal with it on their own.

We do not encourage the use of mobile phones. If your child needs one please bring in a letter. You will also need to sign a usage consent form for safeguarding reasons. Any phone must be switched off upon entering the school grounds and will be kept in a named wallet in a safe place by the teacher.