



# UKS2 Newsletter



Here is the next instalment of our half-termly class newsletter detailing some of the exciting things that we have planned for the months ahead.

## Science

This half-term we are investigating two units of Science: *Light and Electricity*.

In UKS2 children need to understand how light moves and why we see the world around us. There will be a focus on the work of Thomas Edison and investigations into shadow formation. We will also be designing and building electrical circuits with different components and exploring the work of William Gilbert and Benjamin Franklin.

## Reading at Home

There has been a decline in the number of children reading at home over recent months. There is an expectation that pupils read five times a week and that this is recorded in their reading diary. Pupils do not need to read to an adult unless they require specific direction (are not fluent readers).

## English

Our English work this half-term will centre around a study of Philip Pullman's novel 'Northern Lights'. Pupils will explore the themes, characters and plot through a range of speaking, listening, reading and writing-based activities. They will undertake a comparative study of the novel and televised version before producing a piece of narrative in the style of the author.

## Maths

Year 5 students will be focussing on all areas of fractions this half-term, learning new concepts while building on their previous knowledge. Year 6 students will be learning about area, perimeter and volume before moving onto statistics with a strong focus on two-step problems. Developing arithmetic skills will continue to be a priority for all of UKS2.

## Diary Dates & Reminders

**28.02.24 – 17.07.24** – Year 5 will be going swimming on Wednesday afternoons (more information to follow)

**14.03.24** – Year 6 Residential Information meeting: 3:15-3:30pm

**15.03.24** – Bring Your Grown-up to School: 2pm

**26.03.24** – Easter Church Service: 10:15am

**13.05.24 – 16.05.24** – KS2 SATs (Year 6)

**22.05.24 – 24.05.24** – Year 6 residential

**11.06.24** – Year 5 Sports and Nutrition Discovery Day at Nottingham University.

**14.06.24** – Bring Your Grown Up to School: 9:30-10:30am

## Meden Transition Sessions (Year 6)

Year 6 pupils will have the opportunity to attend a variety of classes at Meden School over the next half-term. The sessions will take place during school hours and aim to prepare children for Secondary school.

## Home Learning Reminders

### Homework

Children will be assigned homework on a Monday and are expected to complete and return this on the following Friday. Year 5 students will have one Maths and one English piece and Year 6 will have one Maths, one Reading and one Grammar piece. Pupils also have a TT Rockstars account for times tables practice and SATs Companion (Year 6) for revision.

### Year 6 SATs Reward Scheme

We have booked a Year 6 reward trip to Alton Towers to celebrate the completion of their Primary education. They will be able to earn up to £3 towards the cost of this trip each week which will be based on 100% attendance, completion of homework and attitude to learning. More information to follow.