



# YEAR SIX NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN TERM

### 2021



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Six and your child's final year at Primary School. It is so lovely to have them back in school and they have all settled back into the routine brilliantly. There are lots of new challenges that accompany being the oldest in the school; I'm confident that the children will rise to these admirably.

Remember your water bottle daily!



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Homework is important in Year 6 to help the children in readiness for secondary school.

Our weekly routine will generally follow the timetable below:

**Monday:** Talking homework which will require your signature.

**Tuesday:** A piece of English/Topic/Grammar work.

**Wednesday:** Mathletics (for the following Monday).

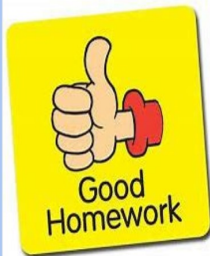
Reading for fifteen minutes which will require your signature.

**Thursday:** Spelling activity.

**Friday:** Enjoy the weekend!

The children are encouraged to keep their multiplication skills up to speed by regularly using Times Tables RockStars.

Homework will be due the following day unless it states otherwise. Mathletics log-ins are in the front of their new homework diary which needs to be in school daily.



When you listen to your child read, or they read independently, please sign their homework diary.



### Character Education

Our Character Education virtues for this half term are:

**CARING, HELPFULNESS, COURAGE, COOPERATION & KINDNESS.**

### Twitter

I will try to post regular photos of our learning on the school twitter feed @newmillspri

### Spellings

Your child will receive five spellings each week. These will be in their homework diary each Monday. There will be opportunities to practise these in school and we ask you to practise them a few times throughout the week at home. A selection of ideas for doing this is also attached. There will be no weekly test but the selected words will be ones which we expect the children to be able to use accurately in their independent writing.

Our PE lessons will take place on **Thursday** afternoons this year. On this day, your child should come to school ready for PE, wearing black **tracksuit bottoms/shorts/leggings, black trainers** and their usual school tops. In the colder months, they may like to bring another layer too. It would be helpful if earrings were removed at home on Thursday mornings; your child needs to be able to manage the removal of earrings in school independently.



Mrs Higton will be working with us each day and Mrs Ratcliffe will be working with small groups on Monday-Thursday afternoons.

Our topic this term is the **Ancient Mayan Civilisation**. We will learn about their way of life and their beliefs and base some of our creative work around their traditions. **PSHE** has an important part to play in our curriculum this year and we will be ensuring that every child is fully involved in these lessons.

The children are already excited about **Kingswood** (15-17 November)!

If you have any questions, ask your child! They have asked so many already!

More details will be coming home later in the term.

As part of our Health & Well being work, I have placed a **Time to Talk** jar in the classroom.

The children can post notes about anything they'd like to discuss (as a class or individually) in here and time will be set aside each week. If you know your child is concerned about anything at all; at school, online, etc please encourage them to share it.

We have had some very large school bags this week! These take up a lot of space and can cause a trip hazard which is a breach of our fire policy. The children only need to carry their reading book and homework diary to and from school. If you have a smaller bag they could use, it would be much appreciated.

If you have any questions please feel free to email [c.williams@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:c.williams@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk).  
Many thanks, Cara Williams.