



# UPPER SCHOOL Spring 1

Welcome back! We hope that you and your children enjoyed the Christmas Holidays and are looking forward to the rest of this term.

## Homework

Your child will be set homework on Google Classroom every day. When the children log into Google Classroom, they will be directed to either EdShed or TT Rockstars for their homework. Please support your children in completing these as they provide an important opportunity to practice and embed new learning and can deepen understanding. They also give families a chance to talk about the learning that is taking place in school.

## Year 5 & 6 Walking home

For Year 5 and 6 pupils, there is the option to leave the school premises unaccompanied with your permission. If you would like your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk home alone, please log on to parent pay where you will be able to give consent. Unless we have consent given via parent pay your child will not be allowed to walk home.

## Reading

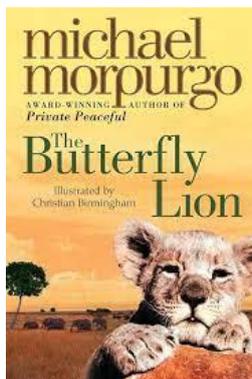
It is very important that your child reads every day. Please remember to sign your child's book when you have listened to them read. Your child will have a reading book from school that is pitched at a level to help develop their reading. The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.

This half term the children will get to read and listen to lots of different stories. Below are some of the books they will be reading please encourage your child to tell you about the stories or read other books by the same author.

### Year 4

Butterfly Lion

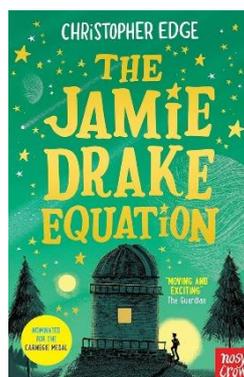
Michael Morpurgo



### Year 5

The Jamie Drake  
Equation

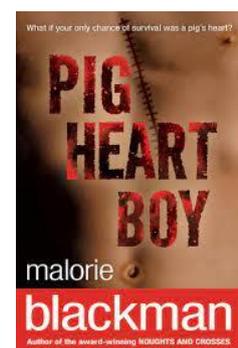
Christopher Edge



### Year 6

Pig Heart Boy

Malorie Blackman



# Year 4

This term in our Writing lessons we are composing explanation texts; in Reading lessons we will enjoy studying *The Butterfly Lion* and answering reading comprehension questions; In Science we will be studying how our ears work as part of our topic of Sound. In Maths we are continuing our focus on learning our times-tables by heart, we will learn column multiplication, formal methods of division and how to calculate area. In History and Music, our focus is Roman Britain. In Geography we will be learning about the 7 continents with a focus on Europe, we will be learning about longitude and latitude. In PE we will be playing basketball on Thursdays, and on Tuesdays 4Q will learn gymnastics and 4C will begin their swimming lessons. In computing we are designing our own websites and learning about internet safety. In DT we will be making lightboxes with our circuit knowledge from last term; and in Art we will be studying the impressionist painter, Monet. It promises to be a fun-packed and busy term!

Please continue to complete the daily homework, which includes reading and Mathshed, as well as TTRS on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Spelling shed twice a week.

**Mrs Quinton and Mr Chait**

# Year 5

We start the spring term with our Earth and Space topic, looking at our Solar System in science, learning about the moon and the reasons for having night and day and different seasons. Our new reading book is called 'The Jamie Drake Equation' and it's about a boy whose dad is an astronaut looking for alien life in space. In writing, we will start the term by learning a persuasive text and writing our own versions and in Maths we will start our fractions unit, looking at equivalent fractions, comparing, ordering, adding and subtracting fractions and converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. In geography, we will compare the cities of London and Rio de Janeiro and in art, we will be looking at the work of the artist Andre Derrain and creating a landscape picture in the style of fauvism. Our computing unit is called Mars Rover 1 and is an introduction to binary codes and how data is collected from the rovers on Mars. In PE, this term focuses on yoga and netball. Please remember your kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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**Mrs Keys, Miss Hill-Cornwell and Mrs Drummond**

# Year 6

This half term, our topic is North America; we will have North America Day on Friday 19th January. In writing, we will be creating our own narratives. Our focus in maths is position, direction, algebra and measure. In science, we will be learning all about the circulatory system and in art we will be studying a landscape artist called Crystal Liu and recreating images in a similar style to her work. PSHE focuses on being safe in the world, whilst in Spanish we will explore transport, direction and movement.

PE is on Monday and Thursday afternoons. This half term, we are doing dodgeball and basketball. Kit should be brought in on Monday and taken home on Friday to be washed. Please ensure clothes are clearly labelled.

Homework will be set daily. On EdShed children have a maths and SPAG assignment each evening, spellings is set across a week and children are expected to complete 5 tasks across the week. They should be practicing times tables daily on TTRS. Please remember that your child should read daily as well.

**Miss Burrell, Miss Chandler and Mrs Sheehan**