



Hazeldene School

Information on the development of Upper Key Stage 2

Years 5 (September 2017) and Years 6 (September 2018)

Introduction

As we move forward on our journey to become a Primary School in September 2017, there are aspects of school life that we feel we need to inform you about to enable a smooth transition for all our children. Please use this pamphlet as an introduction to information about our new Year 5 and 6



School Structure

To enable the smooth transition throughout the school at key points during the day, we have looked carefully at the structure of the school day.

All children will continue to go straight to their classrooms.

Drop Off

- 8:30am Years 5 & 6
- 8:40am Foundation, Years 1 - 4
- 8:45am Nursery

Pick Up

- 3:15pm Reception & Nursery
- 3:20pm Years 1 & 2
- 3:30pm Years 3 - 6

Walk to School

Children in Years 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to walk to and from school on their own or cycle independently, as long as they have passed their bikeability test. *(For more information on bikeability courses please contact the Bedford Borough).* For children to be able to do this, a permission form will need to be signed by a parent, and we would ask that you discuss the safest routes to and from school with your child. Year 5 and 6 children will not be able to take responsibility for younger children (subject to formal approval).

School Uniform

Information about the school uniform will be shared at the meeting.

Optional Equipment

Children in Year 5 and 6 may bring a labelled pencil case into school containing:

- Blue handwriting pens (no gel pens or biros)
- HB pencils
- Coloured pencils
- 15cm ruler
- Sharpener
- Rubber



However all resources will be available in school for use. Children in years 5 and 6 will also be provided with a locker to lock equipment in during school day.

Year 5/6 curriculum

The topics proposed being covered in Year 5 are:

Autumn Term - Vikings

Spring Term - Italy / Poland / Anglo Saxons

Summer Term - Rivers / UK



The topics proposed being covered in Year 6 are:

Autumn Term - Travelling around the world / Victorians

Spring Term - Mayan civilization / weather

Summer Term - Ancient Greeks / Brazil

The Year 6 topics have been chosen as we feel they can grasp children's imagination, and will explore a range of inference and investigation skills in preparation for Year 6 SATs tests.

The timetable will be more structured in upper KS2 with subject specific lessons taught daily throughout the week. These will be taught through the creative curriculum making individual subjects more high profile in preparation for KS3. Science will remain a core subject and will be taught in discreet sessions.

Further information about the topics being studied will be available soon. All school trips and enrichment activities will be directly linked to topics being studied and will enhance the learning experiences of your child. Children will have various opportunities to participate in a range of extra curricular activities throughout the year.



Care Club

Care Club will continue for all children from Nursery to Year 6. We still ask that you book your child's morning and afternoon sessions in with the care club so that we are aware of numbers of children in advance. We understand that at times this is not always possible, but would like to recommend that you phone the school office to let them know any changes of pick ups for your child.

Leavers' Production

All of our Year 6 children will be able to participate in a Leavers' production at the end of the school year to commemorate their time with us at Hazeldene. This will vary from our current leavers' production style, however still promises to be as exciting, engaging and as memorable as before.

Homework

There will be a growing responsibility for the children with regards to homework. The children will have responsibility for their own homework diaries which will be checked by the teacher in school.

Mobile Phones

We understand that if your child is walking to and from school themselves you may feel that you would like your child to have a mobile phone. When arriving at school your child will need to switch their mobile phone off and it will need to be handed into the class teacher and it will be locked away for the duration of the day. Your child can then collect their mobile phone at the end of the day. NO mobile phones are allowed on school trips.

Music

Music is a very expressive part of the school curriculum that enables children to develop an understanding of the world around them. Extra curricular music lessons are offered through peripatetic (visiting music) teachers in the school and offer a range of string and woodwind instrumental lessons as well as continuing our piano lessons. We are continually looking at developing our extra curricular music lessons throughout the coming years.

Sports

Children will continue to have both indoor and outdoor Physical Education lessons in school. A range of extra curricular activities both before and after school will continue to be available for Year 5 and 6 children throughout the week.

Swimming lessons will continue in Year 5 with the children further developing their confidence, skills and ability within the swimming pool. Swimming lessons for Year 6 will run in the Summer term, where children will be able to participate in a 'Life saving' program. We feel it is important that our children leave us with a secure ability to use a range of swimming strokes, and to be able to have the knowledge of life saving skills around a range of waters.

Residential

Our first intake of Year 5 will have had the opportunity to attend our residential in Year 4 at Hilltop in Sheringham, Norfolk. We are currently looking at a further residential in Year 6 probably after SATs. Castle Newnham are also looking into a residential in Year 6 which could be a joint residential.