



# Hickling Curriculum Newsletter ~ Spring 2

Dear Parents / Carers,

Firstly, welcome Mrs. Wright to Great Dunham Primary. Mrs. Wright will be working with Hickling this half term, teaching Year 5 in the mornings and we will be working together for the afternoon sessions. We are looking forward to a busy half term. This half term we are going to be learning about the Islamic Empire.

Here is some more information about what the children will be learning this half term:

<b>English</b> Children will be developing their story telling and writing skills. We will be focusing on writing a warning tale and an information text.	<b>Maths</b> In Maths we are using White Rose Maths resources as the children continue to explore the curriculum. As always, Mathletics is a great way to practise the skills that we cover in class. Please continue to encourage your child to use this regularly at home.	<b>Science</b> The children will learn about the circulatory system in humans; looking the different parts and the roles these play. We will also conduct an investigation on the impacts drugs and alcohol have on the body.	<b>Music</b> This half term the children will be learning about the Pop genre, focussing on how music can make us happy. <i>Dalai Lama:</i> "Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions."
<b>Topic – Islamic Empire</b> The children are going to develop their understanding of the early Islamic civilisation. They will learn about the significance and importance of Baghdad in helping to shape this early civilisation and examine how and why it developed into such a major world power. We will also be having an art focus this half term. The children will identify and talk about different forms of Islamic art and create their own geometric patterns based on traditional techniques.			

## Helpful Websites

Below you will find some websites that can be useful to support your children's learning at home on the internet.

### Maths

[www.mathletics.co.uk](http://www.mathletics.co.uk)

### Reading

[www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

### Writing & GPS (Grammar Punctuation & Spelling)

<https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/zhrrd2p>

### Topic related

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z3tg4wx>

<https://www.ducksters.com/history/islam/>

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/baghdad-c900>

## **Spelling**

We will be continuing with 'No Nonsense Spelling'. Children will have spelling lessons during the week based on a common sound, pattern or rule. Please encourage your child to continue learning the common exception words at home – if you require a copy of this list, please let one of us know.

## **Year 6**

As we are now only seven weeks away from SATs, it is time to focus in on embedding the skills taught over KS2 and completing revision. We will not be narrowing the curriculum but Year 6 children will spend the majority of their week taught as a single year group to allow them the time to demonstrate their skills knowledge and understanding. Year 5/6 will still be together all day on a Friday when Mrs. Wright is away at college.

## **Books and Book Bags**

Thank you for continuing to read with your children and writing a comment in their reading records. It is very important that your child is reading every day. The children can change their books as soon as they have read them. Please help the children develop a love of reading by sharing these books with them, talking about why they have chosen them and discussing what they have enjoyed, or not, about them.

## **P.E Kits**

We plan to have PE on Tuesday and Wednesday; however, please send PE kits in on Monday and allow your child to leave their kit in school all week as they may need to do PE at different times to their usual lesson. The children will have PE outside on both days. Details of PE kits are on the school website.

## **Snacks**

Please provide your child with a piece of fruit for morning break.

## **Drinks**

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school. Milk that is ordered with school dinners will be given to children at morning break. Water will be the only drink provided at lunchtime.

## **Key dates**

5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Costumes from around the world

12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 6 Crucial Crew

We hope that this information is useful, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to come and talk to either of us.

Kind Regards,

The Year 5/6 Team

Mr. Fiddy, Mrs. Wright