

**WELCOME TO THE  
UPPER KEY STAGE 2 NEWSLETTER**

**MESSAGE FROM MS OZKAYA**

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for taking time to read the second UKS2 phase newsletter of 2026! So much has happened in year 5 and 6 since I wrote to you last.

During Spring Term, Year 5 children are doing a geography fieldwork project called Are Our School Grounds Suitable For Growing Crops? Over the course of the term, Year 5 children will investigate by looking at the most suitable area to grow some potatoes (which are chitting in our classrooms already), testing the pH balance of the soil, checking for drainage, adequate protection from wind and too hot sun and of course, enough space for the children to work in. The children will look after the chosen area and plant the chitted potatoes, strawberries and chives. When these grow we will make a potato salad and serve strawberries to enjoy after. Now all we need is perfect weather!

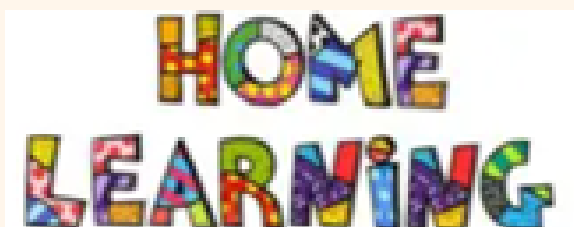
Leopard class have been having fun investigating voltage in science using simple circuits and the data logger. They are intrigued by their new book - The Goldfish Boy and are excited to see if their predictions will be correct. Rhinos have started their topic of Frozen Kingdom. They are learning about the Arctic regions. Children have also been able to link new learning to their previous science topic of adaptations. They now understand the different adaptations Arctic animals have made to be able to survive in these harsh environments. Rhinos have started the music topic this half term of classroom jazz and are learning the notes C, D, E and F on the recorder.

Just a reminder that the law around Whatsapp is a minimum age of 13 due to content which can be shared on the app. Therefore, parents are responsible if they choose to allow their child onto Whatsapp.

Ms Ozkaya

**How can you support your child's learning  
in Upper Key Stage 2 at home?**

- Daily reading with an adult (see Home Reading Record Book).
- Times tables practice (See TTRS).
- Weekly maths and SPaG homework.
- Minimum of two pieces of homework across each half term from the homework foundation grid.



**PE Days:**

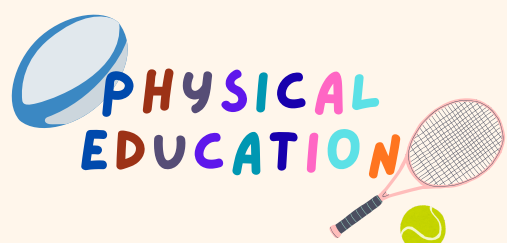
**Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school, which is labelled, on the following days:**

**Koala:** Mondays and Tuesdays (Tuesday and Wednesday (swimming) until 15<sup>th</sup> April)

**Lemurs:** Mondays and Thursdays (Monday and Wednesday (swimming) until 15<sup>th</sup> April inclusive)

**Leopards:** Tuesdays and Fridays

**Rhinos:** Wednesdays and Fridays



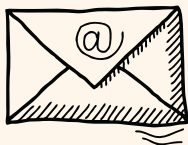
# WHAT IS COMING UP IN YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6?

Dunstable library visits  
British science week  
Easter FEd Fair (24.03.26)  
RE afternoon  
Culture Day (Jamaica)  
Year 5 Whipsnade zoo trip (01.07.26)  
Year 5 open class date change - 11/06/26 at 2:45pm  
Class photos  
Year 6 SATs - beginning 11/05/26

Dates/times will be confirmed nearer the times of  
each event.

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**PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL  
MEDIA PLATFORMS AS THIS IS WHERE PHOTOS  
ARE UPLOADED OF WHAT CHILDREN ARE DOING  
AT SCHOOL.**



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