



# Upper Beeding Primary School

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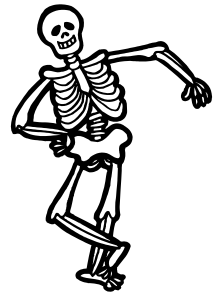
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Autumn Term 2020 – Years 5 and 6

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you had a good summer break despite these unprecedented times. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and hearing of the fantastic activities they have had during the holidays.

Our topic this term is called '**Blood, Bones and Body Bits**'. We will be learning all about the Human Body and how the different bodily systems work. We have arranged for a lot of exciting activities to support the work that the children will be engaged in. The attached topic plan explores what we will be covering in a little more detail.



### Staffing

We are delighted that Mrs Claridge will be re-joining our team this year; she will be supporting in Iceland Class.

### Parent Communication

Unfortunately, due to the current situation, we are unable to meet with parents before or after school as we previously would have. We are keen to maintain parent/teacher communication, so if you do need to contact your child's Class Teacher, please do so by messaging them directly on the VLE system or sending the Office an email. We will get back to you as soon as we can.

### PE



It is very important that the children have the correct PE kit in school so that they can fully participate in these lessons. Children are expected to wear: a house coloured t-shirt, shorts (navy or black) and trainers. As we will be doing all PE and Games lessons outside, when the weather is colder, children should bring in a tracksuit to wear. Children are not allowed to wear vest tops, football shirts or school polo shirts for PE lessons.

### **Please ensure that your child's kit is named.**

Earrings should be removed for PE and Games. If ears are newly pierced, earrings should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a note has been provided by a parent or carer explaining their exclusion.

### PE days

MOROCCO CLASS (Mr Moule) – Thursdays and Fridays

ITALY CLASS (Miss James) – Mondays and Fridays

USA CLASS (Mr Jones) – Mondays and Fridays

ICELAND CLASS (Miss McKay) – Thursdays and Fridays



## Swimming - tbc

Children in Morocco and USA classes will hopefully start their swimming lessons this term, depending on the current situation. Lessons take place on Fridays. A letter asking for parental consent will be sent home along with a request for a monetary contribution for the sessions when we know we can resume them safely.



## Healthy Lunchboxes

As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy lifestyles, we would like to remind you that your child should be provided with a balanced packed lunch.

If your child would like a snack at breaktime, please can you ensure that they bring a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks.

Please **do not** send your child to school with **nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts** as we do have children in the school who are severely allergic to such items.

## Water Bottles

Your child should bring a **water** bottle for drinking water in class – these should not be used for drinking squash or fruit juice. We would ask that your child fills their bottle up at home in the morning and your child should bring their bottle home at the end of each school day.

## Pencil Cases

Each pupil should bring in a pencil case for their pens and pencils so that they are ready to learn with very little disruption wherever they are. It is useful to have coloured pencils, a rubber, pencil sharpener and a glue stick. Please do not send felt-tips. Please ensure that your child's pencil case is of a suitable size so that it fits easily in their drawer.

## Homework

We will be sending home our '**Blood, Bones and Body Bits**' homework grid this week. This system is intended to give the children more independence and choice as to what they would like to do to extend their own learning. Your child will select a task to complete every two weeks, over the term. Each piece of homework should reflect **about an hour** of work at their level.

Pupils will also receive a mathematics task from their teacher each week and a grammar activity. Each piece of homework should take **up to** 45 minutes.

Your child will bring home their spelling lists for the term. They will carry out a spelling activity in class during the week and then be tested on their words.

The handing in dates for homework are as follows:

- Grammar homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday.
- Maths homework is set on Fridays and is due in the following Wednesday, as well as practising their times tables.
- Topic homework grids are sent home at the beginning of term and are due at two weekly intervals throughout the term.
- In addition to this homework, children will be expected to read on a regular basis



Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Miss James, Miss McKay and Mr Moule