VIEWLEY HILL ACADEMY
Team Newsletter

AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER
Year 5/6
2026-2027

MEET OUR TEAM
Team Leader: Mrs Clayton
Y5: Mrs Pounds
Y5/6: Mrs Poulson
Y6: Mrs Clayton
Teaching and Learning Assistants:
Miss Graham, Miss Clark, Mrs Redpath

Pastoral Support: Mrs Stitchell and Miss Langstaff

OUR SCHOOL DAY
Arrival: 8.40am
Gates closed: 8.50am
End of day: 3:10pm

PE KIT
Children are expected to bring their PE kit (**red shorts, white t-shirt & trainers**) for every session. PE days are as follows:
Mrs Pounds: Thursday & Friday
Mrs Poulson: Monday & Thursday
Mrs Heap: Monday & Thursday

OUR LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

In Maths, Year 5 pupils will be developing their understanding of decimal fractions, while Year 6 will be strengthening their foundational mathematical skills.
Throughout our English lessons, Year 5 children will be creating short narratives that include dialogue, while Year 6 pupils will be exploring both sides of an issue by writing balanced arguments linked to World War Two.
As part of our History learning, we will continue studying World War Two, with a particular focus on developing historical enquiry skills and investigating evidence from the past.
In Science, children will build on their understanding of healthy living and explore why making healthy choices is important for their wellbeing.
During RE lessons, pupils will be considering the question *"What would Jesus do?"* and reflecting on how Christian teachings can influence people's actions and decisions.
This half term in PE, our focus will be on dance, with children learning and performing a range of movement sequences.
In PSHE, we will be exploring the importance of valuing differences, showing respect for others, and celebrating diversity within our communities.

HALF TERM DATES
This is such a busy half term, with both curriculum events and Christmas events too!
Please see the back of this newsletter for all dates for this half term. More detail for each event will follow closer to the time of each event. We look forward to sharing these with you over the coming weeks!





ATTENDANCE
Thank you to you all for your commitment to our school attendance last half term. Whole school statutory attendance for Autumn 1 was 95.2%. Our target is always 96% and we were nearly there. Let's try and make it by the end of term!
Our classes attendances were:
Mrs Pounds:95%
Mrs Poulson:91.8%
Mrs Clayton: 93.2%
Please make sure to be in school, on time, every day!

Outdoor Learning and Play (OPAL)

As you are aware, we have introduced OPAL play at school. This initiative is having a fantastic impact on our children's outside offer and we are determined to keep this going as much as possible in the winter months.

Even when it is wet, we will try and get outside as much as possible. Please ensure that your child has a suitable, waterproof warm coat with them over the colder months. They can also bring wellies and tracksuit bottoms with them to change into so they can enjoy the outdoor play without worrying about getting school uniform dirty and wet. We have had many pairs of wellies donated to school, so children will be able to borrow them too. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of staff for more details if you would like.



