

# Endike Academy

## Phase 4 News

### Autumn Term



Welcome back to a new term, new challenges and exciting opportunities!

Within phase 4 we have Teachers: Year 6: 5D, **Mr Drinnan and Miss Dickinson** and Year 5B, **Mrs Briggs**

Year 5: 6H **Mr Holliday**, 6P **Mr Plummer**

Support staff - **Mrs Elliott, Mrs Wood, Ms O'Connor, Mrs Rogers, Mrs Weinman, Mrs Mincke and Mr Shingles.**

The children have settled into their new classes and are becoming familiar with the routines and expectations within the phase. A positive attitude to learning and belief in themselves will enable them to achieve and work towards meeting age related expectations and beyond in the academic year. Please encourage your child to talk about their school day and how they are progressing with their learning.

#### Important Dates

**28th September** –Staff training day—School closed.

**24th—26th October** — Year 6 Residential Trip to Carlton Lodge

**Thursday, 18th October**—Harvest festival.

**Wednesday, 3rd October**-Consultation evening

**Friday, 26th October** - Break for half-term

**Monday, 5th November**—Return to school

**Wednesday, 14th November**—Year 5B—The Tempest performance: Gulbenkian Theatre, Hull.

**Thursday, 15th November**—Year 5D—The Tempest performance: Gulbenkian Theatre, Hull.

**Friday, 21st December**-School closes

#### Termly Overview

In reading year 6 are studying Goodnight Mister Tom and year 5 are studying Kensuke's Kingdom. We are focusing on inference and deduction and finding the correct evidence to support our answers. In writing we are following the talk for writing programme. Year 5 are learning to write journey tales and year 6 are writing explanation texts. In mathematics we are learning about Place Value and the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). After Half-Term, we will be learning about fractions, decimals and percentages. In our Core Knowledge Curriculum (CKC) we are focusing on individual subjects: in history we are looking at British history, mostly at the Georgian and Victorian periods; in science we are focusing on chemistry, looking at elements in the periodic table and what they look like when they are broken down into the atomic level. We are also investigating the respiratory and circulatory system and living a healthy lifestyle. We also be looking at biology and the classification of organisms; in PE we will be developing our skills in netball/basketball. In RE we will be exploring justice and freedom and expressions of faith alongside PSHE where we will be exploring "being me in my world."

#### Year 6

This term Year 6 have an exciting opportunity to attend a residential trip at Carlton Lodge Outdoor Centre! They specialise in adventure, learning and discovery for children and young people, in the heart of North Yorkshire.

Children will use the outdoors to help them discover the power of their own potential through a range of indoor and outdoor activities. These aim to boost self-confidence, team-working skills, communication, planning and creative thinking. They will have a fantastic time!



#### Year 5



Year 5 are very excited to be taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival this term. In our topic lessons we will be discovering the art of drama and have already had great fun! We will be working towards performing the play, *The Tempest*, at The University of Hull in November, to other schools as well as parents and guardians. The class will study William Shakespeare, his plays and works celebrating his life following the 400th anniversary of his death.

Tickets are on sale now from the Gulbenkian Theatre Hull therefore please contact them and book them directly on (01482) 221113 quoting Access code "END20178" to avoid disappointment. Tickets cost £9.50 per adult with concessions at £7. Please feel free to come and speak to Mr Drinnan, Miss Dickinson or Mrs Briggs if you have any questions.

#### P.E

PLEASE NOTE—YOUR CHILD'S FEET MAY HAVE GROWN - please check with your child that they are wearing black polishable shoes and their sand-shoes still fit them. ALL children need **suitable footwear** for PE. We are fortunate to have the sports coaches working with us again this term and the children will have the opportunity to develop a wide range of skills.

Year 6—Wednesday and Friday

Year 5 — Wednesday

Please be advised that if your child wears small ear studs, these need to be removed on PE days or be covered with tape or a plaster. Your child is responsible for this. No other jewellery is allowed to be worn to school.

#### School start time.

Our school day begins at **8.50am**. It is important your child arrives on time as lessons begin immediately. Any latecomers need to enter school via the reception area. Thank you.

### Homework

Homework will be given out each **Friday** and is expected to be returned by **Wednesday**. This allows your child the opportunity to discuss the homework with yourselves and their teacher if they are struggling with any of it on Monday or Tuesday prior to it being given in on Wednesday. Children will be rewarded with dojos for completing all homework by Wednesday morning. Each child will receive weekly **spellings**, a piece of **numeracy** and **topic work**. They will also receive a termly themed project.

There are many different activities that you and your child can get involved in, to reinforce what the children are learning about in class, or to learn something new that they can share. Please support your child with

### Home school reading.

Please support your child in enhancing their reading skills by not just listening to them read, but also asking them questions about what they have read and talking about the meanings of unfamiliar words.

In Phase 4, we promote independence and the children are responsible for selecting and changing their own book. We encourage reading for pleasure, so they might choose genres they enjoy and challenge themselves with harder books for someone to read to them. Please become actively involved in their reading journey.

Our aim is for the children to read at least **3 times a week for 30 minutes in which they will be rewarded dojos (so long as they have an authorised signature from a parent or carer to confirm they have read 3 times)**.

Please ensure sure that your child remembers to bring their Endike book bag to school each day. This will also protect any letters or items that they are taking home at the end of the day and will promote independence.

### Maths

Children need to learn all their times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12 if they are not already confident in them. They need to be able to recall them rapidly including their division facts. Again whilst we practise them in school, it is essential that children also have the chance to be tested at home as much as possible - as times tables knowledge is essential to support the rest of their Maths learning. All children will be given access to the times tables rockstars website so that they can practice their times tables at home.



### TRIP MONEY

Throughout the year we hope to enrich the children's experiences as much as we can through trips and workshops within school.

As a school we will continue to subsidise the cost, but if we have insufficient contributions, it may result in the trip being cancelled or the children missing out on future events that will develop their learning.

*Contributions can be made in full or across a few weeks.*

### DOJO POINTS

Across the phase the children can earn **DOJO** points.

The children can gain **DOJO** points for having a positive attitude, demonstrating the schools 6 hexagonal behaviours and making the right choices.

In Phase 4 we expect children to take responsibility for their belongings and actions, show respect to others and the equipment and take ownership of their learning and aim high!

### Permission slip letters

These letters need to be signed by the person with parental responsibility and returned to school **BEFORE** the event.

In the case of after school clubs we need clear indications as to how your child is going home.

**VERBAL PERMISSION IS INSUFFICIENT.**

### Lunch

If you pay for your child's lunch—it costs 50p per day.

### Coats and school uniform reminder!

Now that the summer weather is in the process of leaving us, the children require to wear their warm weatherproof coats outdoors for all breaks.

It is very important that **ALL** coats and items of school uniform have the children's name **CLEARLY WRITTEN**. This will support the staff in identifying who it belongs to and it will enable the children to leave on time at the end of the school day.

### Endike Twitter

We are committed to sharing good news with you about your child's school day. Please look at the school twitter account.

### IMPORTANT REQUEST

Could you please ensure the office staff have any updated contact information such as new or changed phone numbers.

**We look forward to a busy, exciting term with the children working hard, behaving well and achieving their targets. Should you need to speak to your child's class teacher, please do not hesitate to contact the main office to arrange an appointment.**