

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and a very warm welcome to all of our families joining Magpies Class this year.

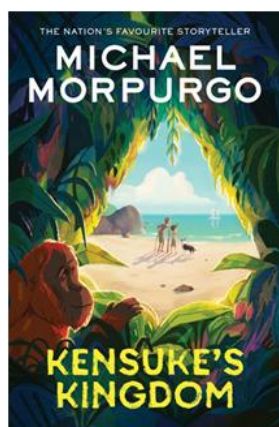
I am Miss Roche, and I will be teaching the Year 5/6 class this year alongside our fantastic Assistant Teacher, Mrs Satkauskiene. We are very much looking forward to getting to know the children and working together to ensure they have an enjoyable, successful and rewarding year.

We have an exciting term ahead with lots of engaging learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Our topics for this half term are:

**Maths** – We will begin the year by focusing on Place Value, developing a secure understanding of the value of digits, ordering and comparing numbers, and using number knowledge to solve problems.

**Literacy** – Our focus text this term will be Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. Through studying this fantastic novel, the children will explore a range of reading and writing skills before creating and publishing their own independent stories.



**Science** - In Science, we will be studying The Human Body, with a particular focus on the heart and the circulatory system. Children will learn how the heart functions and why it is vital to keeping us healthy.

Lesson 1) The Heart: Circulation of the Blood

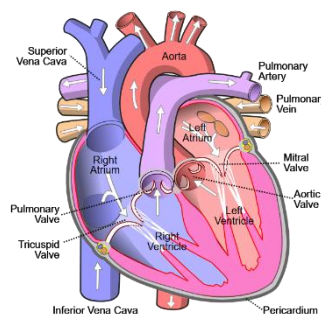
Lesson 2) Blood Vessels and Transport

Lesson 3) Blood Pressure and Heart Rate

Lesson 4 & 5) Heart Rate - an Investigation

Lesson 6) Components of Blood

Lesson 7) Assessment



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**History** - Our History topic this term is World War I. Children will investigate the causes of the war, significant events and the impact it had on Britain and the wider world.

Lesson 1) The Causes of World War I

Lesson 2) On land, at sea and in the air

Lesson 3) Life on the Western Front

Lesson 4) The Home Front

Lesson 5) The Consequences of the War

Lesson 6) Assessment



**Art** - In Art, we will be exploring Italian Renaissance architecture and sculpture. Children will study the famous Florence Cathedral and use clay techniques to design and create their own decorative clay tiles inspired by its architecture.

Lesson 1) Brunelleschi : Florence Cathedral

Lesson 2) Ghiberti : The Gates of Paradise

Lesson 3) Michelangelo as architect : St Peter's Basilica

Lesson 4) Michelangelo as sculptor : David

Lesson 5) Michelangelo's David : The influence of classical sculpture.

Lesson 6) Comparing renaissance and contemporary sculpture



**Music** - This term, pupils will explore the genre of Grime. They will experiment with creating their own beats, riffs and musical ideas before developing them into a structured Grime-inspired composition.

**Spanish** - Children will begin the term by revisiting Spanish pronunciation and developing their speaking confidence. They will learn how to answer the question:

¿Tienes una mascota?  
(Do you have any pets?)

**Daily Practice** – Children will complete activities from their CGP Maths Practice books each morning. These short tasks help to consolidate mathematical understanding and build fluency.

Alongside this, we will be practising times tables regularly in school. Rapid recall of multiplication and division facts is a vital foundation for many areas of mathematics, including fractions, percentages and problem-solving. We encourage children to practise their times tables at home as often as possible to help build confidence and mathematical fluency.

**Spelling** – New spellings will be given out every Tuesday, with a spelling test taking place the following Tuesday to assess and reinforce learning. Regular practice at home is strongly encouraged.

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**Reading** – We will be using CGP Reading Comprehension resources to develop key reading skills, including retrieval, inference, vocabulary and explanation.

Reading remains one of the most important ways to support your child's learning. We encourage children to read regularly at home and ask that parents and carers spend time reading with their child whenever possible. Discussing books together helps to develop comprehension, vocabulary and confidence.

**PE** – Our PE session this term will be Swimming, which will take place on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure that children come to school with the appropriate swimming kit each week.

**Homework** – Homework will be set weekly using the CGP Maths 10-Minute Weekly Workout books.

- Homework will be set on Thursdays
- Homework should be returned by the following Thursday

These activities provide excellent preparation for Year 6 pupils as they work towards SATs, while also helping Year 5 pupils build the strong foundations needed for next year.

We are excited for the year ahead and look forward to working in partnership with you to help every child achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

**Best wishes,**

Miss Roche and Mrs Satkauskiene.

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