



Year 5 and 6 Newsletter



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. We are looking forward to a successful and fun term!

Our Geography this term is 'What makes a planet precious?' where we will be conducting studies of precious places locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We will be looking in-depth at current issues in the South Downs before moving on to comparing this precious place with the Yosemite National Park, with a focus on mountains. We will be completing a hike into the South Downs National Park (on Wednesday 8th of October) to explore the area first-hand while also building on our map skills. The second half-term will focus on sustainable energy, its uses, and trading of crude oil.



As well as this, within our Art lessons, children will be exploring the medium of sculpture in the natural environment.

In DT, we will be creatively solving problems relating to sustainable energy by exploring, ideating and evaluating.

In PE we will be developing our endurance and stamina in athletics, our communication and leadership in OAA (Outdoor Adventurous Activity - which will link to our topic work), maintaining possession in invasion games and, finally, strength and condition in our health and wellbeing unit. Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct kit. Please can they continue to wear their PE kit to school on the appropriate days. As the weather turns colder, children are welcome to wear jumpers or suitable track suit tops during outdoor sessions.

Exton PE Days: Tuesday and Friday
Soberton PE Days: Thursday and Friday
Newtown PE Days: Tuesday and Thursday

We're also very excited about our science this term where we will be studying electricity and light in both a practical and theoretical way.

Also, Year 6 will be off to Calshot in November. There will be a virtual parent's information evening with more information to follow.

Helping your child at home:

New reading diaries have gone out and should have made their way home, please encourage your child to bring their reading diary in every day. They are an important record of their reading and are often used in guided reading and English sessions. Listening to your children read is really important, even for confident readers, as discussing the book helps to improve their understanding. Children need to be practicing their spellings and be learning the rule.

For maths, please encourage children to practise their tables (as they are easily forgotten over the summer holidays!) Practising them in a variety of ways to encourage speed and accuracy will make maths lessons easier for your child.

Key Dates:

Winchester Hill Walk Hike: Wednesday 8th October 2025
INSET Day: Friday 24th October
Parents Evening: 22nd and 23rd October
Virtual Calshot Y6 Parents Information Evening: Wednesday 15th October @ 4pm
Calshot Y6 Residential: wb 17th November