



## Year 5 and 6 Newsletter



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

Our topic this term is 'Our Precious Planet' 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 are planning to do a hike into the South Downs National Park to explore the area first-hand while also building on our map skills. The second half-term will focus on the uses and trading of crude oil.



As well as this, children will be studying the artist 'Andy Goldsworthy' during art sessions and creating art in his style using items they have collected inside and outside of school. We will also be visiting the Roche Court Sculpture Park in Salisbury on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of September to explore the medium of sculpture.

In DT, we will be studying the Brompton Bicycle. Children will research suitable and sustainable materials to make their bike from, design hi-vis clothing and bicycle tyres before filming their own advert.

In PE we will be developing our basketball and tag rugby skills and also doing OAA-Outdoor Adventurous Activities (which will link to our topic work). 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: Monday and Friday  
Soberton PE Days: Monday and Wednesday  
Newtown PE Days: Monday and Wednesday

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 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:

Roche Court Trip: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of September  
Calshot Y6 Parents Information Evening: TBC  
Calshot Y6 Residential: wb 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Day Hike in the South Downs National Park: TBC  
Parents Evening: 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October