



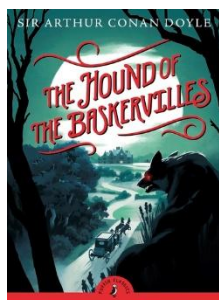
Year 5 and 6 Newsletter



Spring Term Curriculum

We are looking forward to an exciting term full of learning opportunities. We will begin the term by studying Britain in **The Anglo Saxon** time. We will be acting as **archaeologists** to uncover the secrets of this past culture, looking at how they lived, the battles they fought and the impact they have had on our lives today.

Our first **science** topic is '**Properties and Changes of Materials**' where we will explore the changing state of materials as well as conducting practical experiments to help build upon our scientific experimental skills.



In **art**, supported by our new trip to Pallant House in Chichester, our topic is called '**A Sense of Place**' and involves the children viewing their **local surroundings**, analysing how the seasons change the landscape and capturing it on paper. If you are one, or know of any artists that would like to come and speak to the children (and maybe do a demonstration) then we would love to hear from you.

In the first half term, our **English** theme is '**Hidden in Words**' where we will explore a range of ghost stories and strange 'going ons.'

Mock SATs

Mock SATs (Year 6 only) will take place week commencing **13th January (Mon-Thurs)**. This is an opportunity for children to have experience of the test process (and realise that it isn't scary) but it also provides teachers with information to help address gaps. We will be doing all tests in the classrooms.

Supporting at Home

Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning at home. Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday and due on a Monday. Their reading diaries are expected in on a Monday, signed and with a written comment. Times table books are due in each Friday with one page completed. In regards to spelling, at the end of the Autumn term, we sent home the list of statutory words for your children to continue to practise spelling at home. They will get weekly spellings on a Friday that will be tested the following Friday. Please continue to hear your children read and also practise their tables (if they are still unsure.)

Dates for the Diary

Wb 13th-17th January- Mock SATs Week for Year 6

7th February, 11th February, 12th February- Pallant House Art Trip

Monday 24th February (4.30-5) - SRE Parents Evening

Monday 24th February- INSET Day

Thursday 27th and Friday 28th February- SRE

Thursday 6th March- World Book Day

11th March- Class Photos

Friday 4th April- INSET Day

Thanks again for all of your support,

The Year 5/6 Team