



## Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you've all had a nice Easter break – we're sure that you haven't finished all your Easter chocolate yet and have got plenty to bring back to share with us!

We thought we would share with you our topics for the Summer Term.

Our Geography unit this term is '**Our Green Planet**', where children will be researching renewable energy resources and how these, and non-renewable resources, affect our planet. We begin this unit by looking at the water cycle. Later on in the term, we will then think more about sustainable energy, making our own **wind turbines** in DT. We are hoping to also visit the National Oceanography Centre in Southampton at some point in this unit. Details to be confirmed!

In Science we will begin this term with '**Forces**' and then go on to look at '**Earth and Space**'. We will also be finishing the '**Sound**' unit we started in the Spring term.

### Key Dates for Summer Term

Year 5 Enrichment Week: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May

SATS week: 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> May

Fun Farm Friday: 13<sup>th</sup> May

INSET: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May

End of Year Performances: 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July

INSET: 8<sup>th</sup> July

Transition Day: 30<sup>th</sup> June

Leaver's Service: 21<sup>st</sup> July



### Danny MacAskill

Scottish cyclist



[dannymacaskill.co.uk](http://dannymacaskill.co.uk)

Daniel "Danny" MacAskill is a Scottish trials cyclist, from Dunvegan on the Isle of Skye. He works professionally as a street trials / Mountain bike rider for Santa Cruz Bicycles. In April 2009, he released a five-minute street trials video to YouTube, filmed by his flatmate Dave Sowerby. [Wikipedia](#)

In English, we will begin looking at a video clip of the cyclist '**Danny MacAskill**'. We then watch an animation called '**Alma**' and write our own ghost stories. Year 5s then will start one of our favourite books: **Kensuke's Kingdom** by Michael Morpurgo, while the year 6s begin the end of year performance as part of the speaking and listening strand of the curriculum.

In computing, we will be using video editing software to **produce our own videos** promoting an awareness of 'Our Green Planet'. We will be shooting, cutting and improving our own footage to create our video scene. In Art children will be developing their understanding of the purpose of **portraits**, understanding the symbolism behind the pose of a subject and the choice of background. Children will experiment with proportion and scale when drawing a human face, using a range of materials. Overall, they will create a personal self-portrait to scale, using paint to add colour and tone.

Have a look at some of Danny's videos on his YouTube channel!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9kOkY1nYc0uADWRiRH64Rw>

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