



Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Summer 2023

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you've all had a lovely, relaxing Easter.

We are all very excited about the term ahead as it is shaping up to be very busy and full of fun! We will be starting the term by continuing some of the topics we started before the Easter holiday; we have a few 'loose ends' to tie up!



Topics:

After finishing off a few jobs, we will then start our new Geography unit of 'Source to Sea'. Here, we will be acting as geologists and looking at how rivers change as they move towards the sea. We will have the chance to go down to the River Meon (mapping its course) and conduct some field-work as well as use our enquiry based learning approach to study the Nile. Our Art unit will involve creating willow fish which will link to our river topic.



In English, we will be looking at inspirational sporting stories as a stimulus for writing, before Year 5 move onto reading the wonderful *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo.

In Science, we will spend the term exploring 'Living Things and their Habitats' which will also have links to river environments.

In DT we will be designing and creating suspension bridges (with a set criteria list as an extra challenge!) This will be linked to our previous Maths learning as we will be developing our concepts of angles and measurements in a practical context, through the work of Norman Foster.

In Maths, children will finish the curriculum, with a particular focus on statistics, before spending the remaining academic year revisiting and overlearning key concepts previously taught.

SATs (Year 6 Only)

On the week beginning the 8th of May (after the bank holiday), Year 6 will sit their KS2 SATs.

Monday 8th- Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th- SPAG and Spelling

Wednesday 10th- Reading

Thursday 11th- Arithmetic and Reasoning 1

Friday 12th- Reasoning 2

Please refer to our school website for more information regarding these tests and how they will be conducted. Any support you are able to give you child(ren) on the lead up to this week is much appreciated- both academically and emotionally.

Enrichment

The Year 5 have an exciting week planned as they attend their residential trip in the first week of May. During this, the children get to spend three thrilling days learning to sail, paddle board and kayak. They will also spend two nights sleeping at Fort Purbrook within the Peter Ashley Centre. Please refer to the school website for more information.



Excitingly, we also have the Year 5/6 summer production to look forward to. This year's production will be the firm favourite 'Oliver!' based on the children's novel by Charles Dickens. Auditions and play practice will be underway before the children can say 'More?!'

Finally, we will say goodbye to the Year 6s at the end of the year – we will be sad to see you all go but will have lots of exciting leaver's activities planned!

Helping your child at home

The summer reading diaries will be going out soon. We encourage children to continue to read a range of texts over the summer term as this will have a huge impact on both their reading and writing in school. Listening to your children read, for all children, is really important as this will help to build their understanding. You can also share what you like/dislike about the book and have discussions about the various characters.

Learning the 12x12 tables fluently will also be hugely beneficial to children so continue to encourage practising these. Not knowing these is one of the biggest barriers to learning in maths. Please continue to practice times tables weekly!

In order to help with the smooth running of the Summer Production, we ask that children take the responsibility to learn their lines and song words over the half term and onwards so they have the confidence to get fully involved in rehearsals and embrace their roles.

Special Events for Years 5 and 6

- 1st May- Bank Holiday
- 2nd-5th May- Year 5 Enrichment Week
- 8th May- Bank Holiday
- Wb 8th May- SATs Week
- Fun Farm Day (date tbc)
- 26th May- INSET Day
- Wb 29th May- Half Term
- Wb 5th June- Poetry Week
- Monday 12th June- 5/6 Poetry Performance
- 21st June- Sports Day
- Wb 3rd July- Year 5/6 Production Performances
- Friday 7th July- INSET Day
- 21st July- Last Day of Term

Leavers' events, dates and times tbc