



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.

This term our History topic is about local maritime history from the Tudor Period, through the Victorian era up until WW2. We will visit Portsmouth Historic Dockyard and explore the Mary Rose and The HMS Warrior. We will discover why 4 different British Ships were so significant to British Maritime History and will consider how life aboard these ships changed from the 18th to the 20th century. We will explore artefacts discovered on these ships and use primary and secondary sources to consider what life was like for the Sailors on board.

In Science we will begin the term with '**Forces**', where we will look at gravity, friction, air resistance and water resistance. We will then go on to look at '**Earth and Space**' where we will investigate how light travels through space and how the speed effects what we can see in the night sky.



Danny MacAskill

Scottish cyclist



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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](#)

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

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

Key Dates for Summer Term

Year 5 and 6 Dockyard Trip: 23rd April

Year 5 Enrichment Week: 8th-10th May

SATS week: 13th -16th May

SATS Reward: 17th May

INSET: Friday 24th May

Year 6 Bikeability: 5th-7th June

Sports Day: 25th June

Transition Day: 4th July (Swanmore College)

INSET: 5th July

Roving Bookshop: 11th July

End of Year Performances: Matinee (12th July),
Evening of 15th+16th July

Leaver's Service and Tea Party: 23rd of July

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 completing a unit of work entitled 'We are Web Developers'. The children will create a web page about cyber security. 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.

We look forward to a busy, exciting and productive last term!

The Year 5/6 Team