

Year 5 and 6 Spring 2 2023 Newsletter

What Has Happened This Term?

We've had a very busy half term as usual! Lots of lovely learning has happened in Y5/6. We have absolutely loved writing Tales of Fear based on "Alma", a short film. We have also learned about William the Conqueror and the Battle of Hastings in History, as well as the digestion and circulation system in Science.

Here are some pictures of what we've been up to.

Using maps and markers around the school grounds in Orienteering







Creating our own Bayeaux Tapestries in History





Designing our own waterparks as part of Thrive







i-Vengers Visit from Traci Good

On Monday 6th February, we had a visit from the online safety advisor Traci Good who has given us lots of top tips on staying safe online. Ask your child if they can remember the toothpaste challenge and what it represented!



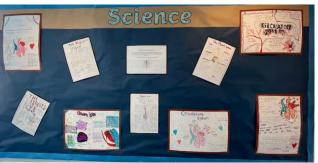




Some of the lovely displays from the Y5/6 department around school.









Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 5: Fractions Decimals & percentages

Year 6: Measure- imperial & metric measures, perimeter, area & volume, ratio

& proportion



English-

Persuasive text to visit an attraction Non-chronological report

Science-

Evolution & Inheritance

Computing-

Coding with Lego WeDo

Geography-

How has the town of Ilkeston changed over time and how may it develop in future?

Design & Technology

Gears & mechanisms- building a fairground ride.

PE-

Owl class will continue swimming in the Spring term and Eagle class in the Summer term. Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon throughout the year.

Indoor- Eagle/Merlin class- Gymnastics/Dance **Outdoor- Eagle/Merlin class-** Rounders / Athletics

Religion & Worldviews-

What difference does the resurrection make for Christians?



Accept changes and negotiate alternative solutions when needed. Talk about what matters to them and explain why they believe these things to be important.



PSHE- Healthy Me

Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty and Tolerance.

French- This is me & All the Fun of the Fair

Music- You've Got A Friend- The music of Carole King

Club Information

Drama club with Miss Speller with Y5 will continue on a Tuesday after school, and Y6 will be offered a drama club on Wednesday after school. Mr. Attenborough & Mrs Brown will be running a school choir in the Spring 2 and Summer 1 term with a view to singing at the village coronation celebration event on Sunday 6th May.

NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you

Important Dates

Monday 27th February- INSET day Tuesday 28th February- Return to school Tuesday 28th February- Librarian visit day

Thursday 2nd March- World Book Day

Isle of Wight residential meeting to take place sometime this half term (date to be confirmed)

Tuesday 18th April- WW2 Crich Tramway Museum trip (more details to follow)

Communication

Check out our school website- lots of useful information can be found here, including more details about the curriculum and photos from the previous term.

Twitter- each class tweets at least twice a week, so it is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in class.

This newsletter- keep it somewhere safe and refer back to it!

Emails to our department are always welcome, and are checked as often as possible, however if your child is ill you must contact the school office as we cannot guarantee that emails we be read first thing in the morning. When emailing in please include the name of the class your child.

Bags and pencil cases

Please do not send your child to school with a rucksack for their school equipment as there is not space on the pegs for these, unless they are bringing their swimming kit. A flat book bag should be used for reading books and any homework.

Children do not require their own pencil case, as we will provide them with everything they need. They should not bring any stationary or toys from home in to school, including large key rings or fidget key rings. PE kits should be in drawstring bags as these are easiest to hang on pegs.

Reading & Homework

Please hear your child read or talk to them about what they are reading daily and ensure they have their book in school every day, even fluent readers greatly benefit from reading to you as you can discuss new vocabulary and character development with them. We really do appreciate your support with promoting reading. Children will be receiving homework of either Maths (set online via MyMaths) or SPAG (either as a sheet or book) on alternate weeks.