

Year 5/6 Newsletter Spring 2 2021

It's so great to have all the children back in school again, and as close to "normal" as it can be in these current times! Don't forget that if you have any questions, you can email the department on y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk and a member of staff will get back to you if required. We will use phone calls, email, texts, Twitter and the school website to keep you informed. Please make sure you read these and click on any links within text messages to ensure you don't miss anything.

Home Learning

We were delighted at all the effort and support that parents gave to us during our school closure. Rest assured, the work you were doing was helping your child to maintain their understanding of the important topics we'll be covering in school. We are working hard to identify the areas the children need more practise on and supporting them in school in many different ways. We are also looking into changing the "normal" homework tasks we set- in future it's likely we'll be setting Maths homework tasks on MyMaths as we did during school closure. Here are some of the displays we've put up in school, with a mixture of work done by those at home and those in school.



Topics

Some of the topics year 5 will be covering over the next few weeks include a Dragon's Den style unit where the children will plan, market and write instructions for their own product. Year 6 will be writing a "Greatest Showman" inspired persuasive text to advertise a circus show! In Maths Year 6 will be learning about area & perimeter and Y5 will be developing their understanding of fractions. Year 6 are following on with their home learning on evolution in Science, and Year 5 will be looking at changing materials. In RE Year 6 will be

learning about funerals, so please let us know if this might be a sensitive topic for any children via the email above.

Year 6 Updates

Your Y6 child will have had their secondary school place confirmed by now. If you have any queries about this, or wish to discuss appeals, please contact me on the above email address. All secondary schools will currently be looking into transition arrangements, and whilst they all might be very different, they will be offering support to help your Y6 child move up to their new school in September.

Unfortunately, I can confirm that due to the current situation the Isle of Wight residential will not be taking place this year. We are looking into an alternative "treat" for the Year 6 children which will fit in the COVID-19 guidelines! In addition, the Y6 children will not be taking standardised assessment tests (SATs) in May. Again, when we know any alternative arrangements for this we will keep you informed.

PE Kits

Indoor PE; earrings must be removed **not taped**, adults in school are not permitted to assist with this (unless pierced within the last 6 weeks in which case tape is allowed for this period only), pumps, shorts and short sleeved t-shirts must be worn.

Outdoor PE – earrings as above, children must bring trainers. As the weather is continuing to be cold it would be a good idea to make sure children have joggers and jumpers for outdoor PE. **PE kits should be in school every day as there are time when things change and we may do PE activities on an alternative day.**

Drinks & Snacks

Please provide your child with a named bottle of water. **Please do not send disposable water bottles** as we are working hard to reduce waste and would like to encourage the children to use less single use plastic. **Fresh fruit is the only snack allowed at break times.**

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.

We hope you find the information useful.

Please contact the team on y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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