

# What Has Happened This Term?

We hope your child has had great start to this academic year and we look forward to continuing this in the busy term up to Christmas. We spent the first few days learning about the British values of rule of law, respect, individual liberty, democracy and tolerance and how they impact our lives. Our children have also started to earn lots of Dojo points. They are really enjoying earning points and trying to improve themselves. We will be sharing how you can get involved with these at home in a future whole school newsletter. A big thank you to all who came to our Year 5 Bible presentations. We felt so privileged to be able to get together in church this year, so it was made even more special by having so many parents come to the event. Our children made us feel very proud.

## **Isle of Wight residential**

I am delighted to confirm this will be taking place for the Y6 children in 2023, from 5<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> June. More information coming soon after half term!

# Hello Yellow news

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October was Hello Yellow day, on which we did activities to promote positive mental health. Year 5/6 created positivity butterflies and learned about the importance of valuing and respecting different types of intelligences that others may have.

## **Scargill Sports Competitions**

Well done to our Year 3/4 and 5/6 football team who came 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Erewash School Sports Partnership tournament. Both teams were a credit to the school showing great sportsmanship and teamwork, we couldn't be prouder. A final thankyou to everyone who came to support from the side lines.



Here are some pictures of what we've been up to over the past half term.



Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 5: Graphs & tables Multiplication & division Measure- area & perimeterYear 6: Fractions, Geometry- position & direction



### <u>English-</u>

Defeating the monster story Explanation texts

## Science-

Electricity

### **Computing-**

Coding using Scratch – design a simple 2D game (using variables

### **Geography-**

From Rio to the Rainforest, what do we know about life in Brazil?!

#### Design & Technology -

Electrical elements

<u>PE-</u>

As per the message last month, Merlin class will be swimming up until Christmas. Owl class will be 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/Owl class-** Health related exercise **Outdoor- Eagle/Owl class-** Basketball

#### **Religion & Worldviews-**

Was Jesus the Messiah?	
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- Celebrating differences   Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty and Tolerance.	
French- My local area, your local area	
Music- Classroom Jazz 1	
Club Information KS2 Choir will be happening this half term to prepare for singing at the Christmas Fayre!	
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 31 <sup>st</sup> October: Back to school 14 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> November: Anti-bullying week starting with odd socks on Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November: Individual photos 17 <sup>th</sup> November: Open morning for parents 18 <sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need 2 <sup>nd</sup> December: Chistmas jumper day 9 <sup>th</sup> December: Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre 3:30-6:30pm 15 <sup>th</sup> December: Film night 20 <sup>th</sup> December: Year 5/6 Christmas party week- information will be shared nearer the time 22 <sup>nd</sup> December: Last day of the term
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.	<b>_Bags and pencil cases</b> 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.

#### **Dark Nights- Staying Safe**

As we move from Autumn into Winter it becomes darker much earlier in the day. Please stay safe on the way home from school, when out and about during the school holidays and at the weekends. Whilst we speak lots about staying safe with the children in school, it is important that as a parent you also speak to your child about how they can stay safe when outside.