



Year 5 and 6 Spring 1 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 and 6. We have created some alarmed boxes using our Science knowledge which buzz in Design & Technology, written some "defeating the monster" stories and explanation texts in Talk for Writing. We have also compared the human and physical geographical features of the UK and Brazil in Geography, and done some hockey and gymnastics in P.E.

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

Practising music for the Christmas Fayre



Building alarmed boxes in DT



Visiting Church for a Christmas worship



Visiting Pride Park for our link with Carsington & Hopton Primary School



PCSO Visit

On Thursday 8th December, we had a visit from Jessie Palmer, our local police community support officer (PCSO). She gave the children some good advice on staying safe when out by themselves. Her top tips were to memorise their parents' phone numbers, so that if the children did not have their phone they would have a way of contacting them. Also, she suggested that children install the What3Words app on their phones so that they could easily share their location with parents or emergency services if needed. Also Jessie suggested that Find My Phone (Apple devices) or Find My Device (Android devices) be activated so that parents can easily locate their children should they need to.



Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



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



English-

Tale of fear based on "Alma" animation
Non chronological report

Science-

Animals including humans.

Computing-

How do networks work, including the Internet & the World Wide Web.

History-

1066 and events leading up to it

Art & Design

Craft and Design

PE-

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/Merlin class- Badminton
Outdoor- Eagle/Merlin class- Orienteering

Religion & Worldviews-

What matters most to Christians and Humanists?



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- Dreams and Goals

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

French- New year celebration, Playing sport

Music- Pop Ballads

Club Information

Year 6 will be offered a Drama club with Miss Speller on a Tuesday after school, and Mrs Rudd-Walters will be doing a coding club during a lunchtime, alongside the TTRS club which has happened this half term.

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 9th January- *Return to school*

Monday 6th February- *Children's Mental Health Week*

Monday 6th February- *Traci Good (online safety trainer) leading parent workshop on keeping your child safe online, in school at 6.00pm*

February 13th & 16th- *Parents evenings 3.30pm-6.15pm*

Friday 17th February- *Break up for half 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.

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.