

# Year 5/6 Newsletter Summer 2021

Welcome back for the Summer Term, we hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break and were able to see family and friends with the relaxing of restrictions. It's very hard to believe that the year 6 children are beginning their final term of primary school! We're looking forward to a busy term with things beginning to approach the "old normal"!

Don't forget if you feel you have anything you need to discuss with your child's class teacher, please do get in touch via [y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk) and we can arrange a phone call or correspond via email. As Year 5 and 6 often leave to walk home by themselves, please let us know if there are any changes to the usual end of school arrangements.

In case you didn't see on Twitter, in Y6 we built some amazing fairground rides at the end of the spring term to finish our topic- the children learned a lot about gear mechanisms, electrical circuits and teamwork! Here are some pictures.



Year 5 also has great fun and did lots of valuable learning during their eco-day where they made flood-proof houses.



## *Topics*

Here's a quick overview of what we'll be covering in the next term.

	Year 5	Year 6
English	Story Writing – Rags to Riches Diary entries Biographies Story Writing – Warning Story	Macbeth- retelling the story and writing informal letters Poetry based on diversity issues (reverse poetry) -Story based on a “wishing story”
Maths		Ratio & proportion Geometry- measuring angles & properties of shapes Problem solving in all areas of Mathematics
Science	Life cycles of living things Forces	Classifying living things Living things and their habitats
Topic (History/Geography)	The Victorians Physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts,	Geographical features of local area History of the local area
PE	Dodgeball Dance / Musical Theatre Cricket Athletics	Badminton Musical theatre (dance) Outdoor/adventurous activities Athletics
Computing	Music & sound Data handling	Stop-motion animation
RE	Why do some people believe God exists? How can following God bring freedom and justice?	Expressing religion through arts & architecture or charity & generosity? The kingdom of God- what kind of King is Jesus?
Art / Design & Technology	Architecture Every Picture tells a Story	Photography & still life Cooking around the world
Music	Dancing in the street	Music from around the world
French	Body parts Food	Feeling ill Domestic & wild animals Summer activities
PSHE	Healthy Lifestyles/ keeping safe Growing and changing	Relationships Changing Me- growing up

### *Homework*

This term weekly homework will continue to alternate between paper based and online tasks (which may be Purple Mash or MyMaths). Those children who have Nessy logins should focus on using that as often as possible, 15 minutes daily is proven to have a real impact on children’s progress. Regular times tables practise (Times Tables Rockstars) is also essential to help your child make progress in all areas of maths. Thank you for your ongoing support with homework.

### *Trips & Updates*

As the year 6 children will sadly be unable to do the Isle of Wight residential, we are hoping to book a day trip for them to Mount Cook, an outdoor adventure centre, where they will have a very full day of exciting activities to do! This will be on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June- more information to follow. We will also be letting you know about leavers' hoodies for Year 6 children in the next couple of weeks.

### *PE Kits*

Please ensure that your child has a full PE kit in school every day as sometimes timetables change and we may do PE on a different day to normal. Children must have shorts for indoor PE. These should not be the same pair of shorts worn under skirts during the day. We are hoping that we will be able to run Sports Days in some way during the Summer 2 Half Term. As yet, we do not know if we will be able to invite parents to spectate or whether we will be able to combine year groups for a bigger event. More information will be shared when we know more about changes in guidance for schools.

### *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](mailto:y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk) if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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