

Year 5/6 Newsletter Summer 2 2021

And we're nearly at the end of the year! It's been an interesting one, to say the least! Hard to believe that our Year 6s are getting ready to leave us and the Year 5s are getting ready to start their final year of primary school! 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 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.

Here are some pictures of what we've been up to in Y5 & 6 over the past half term..

Merlin class working on stop-motion animations



Flamingo class working on badminton skills



Year 5 working on a friction experiment



Topics

Here's a quick overview of what we are continuing to learn about in the Summer 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	Decimals Geometry- properties of shapes Geometry- position & direction	Ratio & proportion Geometry- measuring angles & properties of shapes

	Measure - converting units Measure Volume & capacity	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 Ancient Greece
PE	Dodgeball Dance / Musical Theatre Cricket Athletics	Badminton Musical theatre (dance) Outdoor/adventurous activities Athletics
Computing	Music & sound Data handling	Stop-motion animation Video editing
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

PSHE

Following on from the work we did earlier in the year, both Y5 and Y6 children will learn about how bodies changing as they grow up in an age-appropriate way. Y5 children will learn about self- and body image, the influence of online and media on body image, age appropriate puberty (including menstruation) and having a baby. Y6 children will learn about self and body image, puberty and feelings, conception to birth (including IVF), reflections about change, physical attraction and respect & consent. If you have any questions or concerns about this please contact your child's class teacher via the email at the bottom of this newsletter.

2021-22 Academic year

We know at this time of the year both children and parents begin thinking about classes for next year and which adults they will be with. Please be patient, we will let you and the child know this at an appropriate time when everything has been confirmed. Speculation can lead to increased anxiety and disappointment so if your child is asking questions or making guessing about class for next year encourage them to focus on the rest of this year for now rather than on what September will bring.

Homework

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

We're really looking forward to our Mount Cook trip in Y6- more information on this will be shared very soon. Y5 I'm sure will have a great time doing their Victorian day activities too! We can't wait to get started for our Year 6 production of A Midsummer Night's Dream either- information on costumes and arrangements for this will be shared nearer the time.

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. As per the previous newsletter, 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.

Uniform

In order to be 'school ready' could we please ask that;

- Long hair is fully tied back every day with small, plain hair accessories-
- Hair should **not** be dyed
- No nail varnish or jewellery except small stud earring
- Your child has a water proof coat in school every day (a small pac-a-mac in their school bag is ideal)
- Your child has a sunhat and sun cream in school every day – hopefully we'll need this more soon!
- Nothing is brought in from home unless necessary for school, we are seeing a lot of 'fidgets' being brought in which should be left at home.
- School shoes (**NOT** trainers) should be worn every day (unless by discussion)

Please contact the email address at the bottom of the newsletter if you have any questions about this.

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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