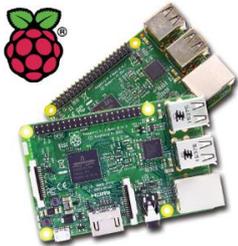


Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter. We are looking forward to a successful and fun term!

Our topic this term is 'Precious Places' where we will be conducting studies of precious places locally, regionally, nationally and internationally. We will be looking in-depth at current issues in the South Downs before working in groups to contact and learn more about one of the National Parks in the UK; then moving on to researching Yosemite National Park and comparing and contrasting between the areas. We are planning to do a hike into the South Downs National Park to explore the area first-hand and also build on our map skill knowledge. In addition, we have the South Downs Park Education team visiting the school to explore a case study.



As well as this, children will be studying the artist 'Andy Goldsworthy' during art sessions and creating art in his style. In DT, we will be costing and making our own crumbles which we are sure will be tasty! We will also be making 'Raspberry Pi' but (in Computing and therefore not so tasty) then making our own MacBeth comic strips using the iPads.

In PE we will be developing our games skills and also doing OAA-Outdoor Adventurous Activities (which will link to our topic work). Thank you for ensuring your child has the correct kit. As the weather turns colder, children are welcome to wear jumpers or suitable track suit tops during outdoor sessions.

We're also very excited about our science this term where we will be studying electricity and light in both a practical and theoretical way.

Also, Year 6 will be off to Calshot in November and there will be a parent's information evening and more information to follow.

Helping your child at home New reading diaries have gone out and should have made their way home, please encourage your child to bring their reading diary in every day. They are an important record of their reading and are often used in guided reading and English sessions. Listening to your children read is really important, even for confident readers, as discussing the book helps to improve their understanding. Children need to be practicing their spellings and also be learning the rule.

For maths, please encourage children to practise their tables (as they are easily forgotten over the summer holidays!) Practising them in a variety of ways to encourage speed and accuracy will make maths lessons easier for your child.

Key Dates:

Calshot Y6 Parents Information Evening: 11th October 6pm

Calshot Y6 Residential: 13th-17th November

Day Hike in the South Downs National Park- 11th October details to follow