



Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter. We hope you've all had a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas holiday.

We are looking forward to an action-packed term full of exciting learning opportunities. As part of our new topic, 'Anglo Saxons', we will be acting as archaeologists to uncover the secrets of this past culture, looking at how they lived, the battles they fought and the impact they have had on our lives today.

In English, we will begin by holding a 'Jumpstart January' to allow the children to recap on the skills they learnt last term before moving on to looking at the book 'Stormbreaker' by Anthony Horowitz. One exciting event will be a visit from the Blue Sky Theatre Company who will perform their 'Shakespeare Rewired' workshop, just before we go on to look at the classic text - Hamlet.

Our first science topic is 'properties and changes of materials'. Next half term, we will have fun exploring 'evolution and inheritance'.

In art, we will be studying 'a sense of place' by using our surroundings, analysing how the seasons change the landscape and capturing it on paper. We will also (hopefully) be linking art to one of our books this term 'Framed' and endeavour to go on a trip to the National Gallery (watch this space!). DT, later in the term, will be linked to topic, where we will be making and racing longboats.



Helping your child at home

We love it when children are so enthused by something they've learned at school, that they do further research at home. We particularly like to see any artefacts you may have or extra projects that the children have been inspired to do. Also we value your expertise, so if you have particular knowledge or skills about any of our subjects that you could share then please get in touch.

Please continue to 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 rules each week. For maths, it's a case of tables, tables, tables! Practising them in a variety of ways to encourage speed and accuracy will make maths lessons easier for your child!

Special events for Year 5 and 6

Shakespeare Workshop – Monday 16th January

World Book Day- Thursday 2nd March

National Gallery Trip - TBC