



Year 5 and 6 Newsletter

Welcome to our Summer Newsletter. We hope you've all had a lovely, relaxing Easter.

We are all very excited about the term ahead as it is shaping up to be very busy and full of fun!

The term starts with the Year 5 enrichment week followed by SATs week. On the Friday of SATs week, Year 6s will be going to 'Fun Farm Friday' (letter to follow). We also have an exciting trip to the National Gallery in London planned for 25th May where we will have the opportunity to look at some of the pictures that we discussed in our 'Framed' English topic. Taking inspiration from the book, children will be involved in creating their own masterpieces to showcase in Droxford's first ever gallery.

As part of our new topic, 'Source to Sea', we will be acting as geologists and looking at how rivers change as they move towards the sea. We will have the chance to go down to the River Meon and conduct some field-work as well as use our enquiry based learning approach to study the Nile. Our art topic will involve creating willow fish which will link to our river topic.



In English, we will begin by writing stories based on 'The Lighthouse' animation and we will also be looking at an inspirational sporting video as a stimulus for another piece of writing.

In science, we will spend the term exploring 'Evolution and Inheritance' which will also have links to river environments.

There will be a lot of DT going on this term. To begin with, we will be making motorised Anglo-Saxon wells, as we couldn't quite squeeze it into the Spring term! This will be linked to our post SATs maths topics where we will be developing our concepts of angles and measurements in a practical context. We will also be making puppets towards the end of the term.



And last, but by no means least, we have the Yr5/6 summer production. Although the title is a closely guarded secret for now, will be a fantastic experience which the children are sure to love.

Helping your child at home

The summer reading diaries will be going out soon. We encourage children to continue to read a range of texts over the summer term as this will have a huge impact on both their reading and writing in school. Listening to your children read, for all children, is really important as this will help to build their understanding. You can also share what you like/dislike about the book and have discussions about the various characters.

Learning the 12x12 tables fluently will also be hugely beneficial to children so continue to encourage practising these.

In order to help with the smooth running of the Summer Production, we ask that children take the responsibility to learn their lines and song words over the half term and onwards so they have the confidence to get fully involved in rehearsals and embrace their roles.

Finally, enjoy the sunshine!

Dates for the diary Year 5 and 6

Year 5 Enrichment Week – wc Tuesday 2ndth May

Year 6 SATs Week- Monday 8th May- Thursday 11th May

Year 6 Fun Farm Friday Trip – Friday 12th May

Whole School Author visit- Wednesday 17th May

Year 5 and 6 National Gallery Trip- Thursday 25th May

(letter to follow- please note,

this will be longer than a normal school day)

Year 5 and 6 SRE Parents Meeting- Tuesday 13th June

Whole School Sports Day- Wednesday 21st June

Year 5 and 6 SRE - Tuesday 4th (Yr5&6) and Wednesday 5th July (Yr6)

Year 5 and 6 Production- Matinee Tuesday 11th July.

Evening Performances Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th July.

Whole School Parent Open Afternoon- Wednesday 19th July

Year 6 Leavers Party- Monday 24th July

Year 6 Leavers Service- Tuesday 25th July.

Thanks again for all of your support,

The Upper School Team

