



What Has Happened This Term?

We've had a very busy half term as usual! Lots of lovely learning has happened in Y5 and 6. We have created some alarmed boxes using our Science knowledge which buzz in Design & Technology, written some terrifying tales of fear and some fantastic instructions in English. We have also compared the human and physical geographical features of the UK and Brazil in Geography, and done some hockey and gymnastics in P.E. Also we had a lovely time on our trip to Derby Theatre to watch A Christmas Carol.

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

Building alarmed boxes in DT



Building circuits in Science

Creating stories in Scratch



Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?



Year 5: Graphs & tables Multiplication & division Measure- area & perimeter
Year 6: Fractions, Geometry- position & direction



English-

Poetry- Macavity the Mystery Cat
Characterising Speech text- the Witches from Macbeth

Science-

Animals including humans.

Computing-

How do networks work, including the Internet & the World Wide Web.

History-

1066 and events leading up to it

Art & Design

Craft and Design- photo opportunity

PE-

Owl class will be swimming in the Spring term and Eagle class in the Summer term. Swimming will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon throughout the year.

Merlin Class indoor PE will be on a **Monday** and **outdoor PE** on a **Wednesday**.

Eagle Class indoor PE will be on a **Tuesday** and **outdoor PE** on a **Wednesday**.

Religion & Worldviews-

What matters most to Christians and Humanists?



Accept changes and negotiate alternative solutions when needed.

Talk about what matters to them and explain why they believe these things to be important.



PSHE- Dreams and Goals

Links to British Value of Mutual Respect, Individual Liberty and Tolerance.

French- New year celebration, Playing sport

Music- South and West Africa

Club Information

Year 5/6 will be offered a Netball club after school on Wednesday and a Table Tennis club after school on Thursday. Also Mrs. Bull will be doing an upcycling club for 12 Y5/6 children from 8th January to 5th February 2025.

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 or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you

Important Dates

Monday 6th January- *Return to school*

Monday 6th February- *Children's Mental Health Week*

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February 10th- *Parents evening 3.30pm-6.15pm, Traci Good (online safety trainer) will be leading 2 parent workshops at*

3.30pm & 4.30pm.

February 11th- Internet Safety Day

February 13th- Parents evening 3.30pm-6.15pm,

Friday 14th February- Break up for half term

Communication

Check out our school website- lots of useful information can be found here, including more details about the curriculum and photos from the previous term.

Twitter- each class tweets at least twice a week, so it is a great way of keeping up to date with what is going on in class.

This newsletter- keep it somewhere safe and refer back to it!

Emails to our department are always welcome, and are checked as often as possible, however if your child is ill you must contact the school office as we cannot guarantee that emails we be read first thing in the morning. When emailing in please include the name of the class your child.

Bags and pencil cases

Please do not send your child to school with a rucksack for their school equipment as there is not space on the pegs for these, unless they are bringing their swimming kit. A flat book bag should be used for reading books and any homework. Children do not require their own pencil case, as we will provide them with everything they need. They should not bring any stationary or toys from home in to school, including large key rings or fidget key rings. PE kits should be in drawstring bags as these are easiest to hang on pegs.

Reading & Homework

Please hear your child read or talk to them about what they are reading daily and ensure they have their book in school every day, even fluent readers greatly benefit from reading to you as you can discuss new vocabulary and character development with them. We really do appreciate your support with promoting reading. Children will be receiving homework of either Maths (set online via MyMaths) or SPAG (either as a sheet or book) on alternate weeks.