



# Year 5 and 6 Autumn 2 2024 Newsletter

## What Has Happened This Term?

We hope your child has had great start to this academic year and we look forward to continuing this in the busy term up to Christmas. We spent the first few days learning about the British values of rule of law, respect, individual liberty, democracy and tolerance and how they impact our lives. Our children have also started to earn lots of Dojo points. We've had fun writing a discussion text in English, enjoying our R-Time book "The Wolf Wilder", using chiaroscuro in Art and learned about the Anglo-Saxons in History amongst many other things!



## **Isle of Wight residential**

I am delighted to confirm this will be taking place for the Y6 children in 2025, from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July. More information coming soon after half term!

## **Hello Yellow news**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October was Hello Yellow day, on which we did activities to promote positive mental health. Year 5/6 created messages of positivity and self-assuring affirmations.



## Rucksacks and Bags

We would like to remind you all of the school expectations regarding children's school bags. As detailed in our uniform policy, the children should only use flat, book bag style bags for school. Rucksacks and handbag style bags are not permitted. They do not need to be the school branded versions, although many children have these and they do look smart and offer good value for money. The main reason rucksacks are not suitable is that we do not have the space for rucksacks on our pegs. They do not lie flat and cause the coats to fall onto the floor. This causes a trip hazard and means children's coats can easily be damaged or get dirty. We hope you understand the urgent need for all children to come to school with the correct bags. Thank you for your support

### 500 word challenge

In the week beginning Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, Y5/6 will be completing the 500-word challenge from the BBC. We will be sending the completed stories home; it would be wonderful if you could submit them to the competition! For more information, follow this link:

[Information page: 500 Words 2024 - BBC Teach](#)

To submit your child's story, click here...  
[500 Words](#)



### 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 have been set some tasks on MyMaths for over half term; their login details have been sent home with them. In addition, practise on Times Tables Rock Stars is always beneficial!

## 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-

Narrative Texts- creating suspense and drama  
Instructional Text- how to protect your settlement

### Science-

Electricity

### Computing-

Coding using Scratch – design a simple 2D game (using variables)

## Geography-

From Rio to the Rainforest, what do we know about life in Brazil?!

## Design & Technology

Electrical elements- *we will need shoe boxes for the build at the end of this, so if your child could bring one in that would be great!*

## PE-

Merlin class will be swimming up until Christmas. 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.

**Indoor- Eagle/Owl class-** Dance

**Outdoor- Eagle/Owl class-** Hockey

## Religion & Worldviews-

Was Jesus the Messiah?

## British Values

Individual liberty

Mutual respect



## PSHE- Celebrating differences

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

## French-

Where I live, Christmas activities

## Music-

Blues music

## Club Information

The following clubs are available for Y5/6 children during the Autumn 2 term- for more information please contact the office.

Arts & Crafts club- 3.25 – 4.30 Mondays 11th Nov - 16th Dec

AM Sports Gymnastics 3.25 – 4pm Tuesdays

Drama club 3.25 - 4.30 Wednesdays 13th Nov – 11th Dec

## **NUT/SESAME ALLERGIES**

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts/ sesame or nut/ sesame traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts/ sesame or products containing nut/ sesame traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces, sesame topped bread or hummus dips.

## Important Dates

W/C 11.11.24 – Anti-bullying week

12.11.24 – Open Morning – All parents welcome

15.11.24 – Children in Need

18.11.24- PTA recruitment event

11.12.24- Christmas jumper day & Film night after school

12.12.24- Y5/6 theatre trip

Thank you!

20.12.24- Break up for Christmas holidays

6.1.25 Return to school

### 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.

X/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.

**Department emails will be checked by all class teachers.**

[Y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:Y5-6department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk)

### Dark Nights- Staying Safe

As we move from Autumn into Winter it becomes darker much earlier in the day.

Please stay safe on the way home from school, when out and about during the school holidays and at the weekends.

Whilst we speak lots about staying safe with the children in school, it is important that as a parent you also speak to your child about how they can stay safe when outside.