

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

## Year 5/6 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Autumn 2023



*Learning together - enjoying success - aiming high - celebrating difference –  
enriching community*

### **Introduction**

Welcome to our regular termly newsletter, specifically developed for Years 5 and 6, and designed to bring you up to date with all that's going on last half term and this. Whether it's curriculum, home learning or after school activities that you're keen to know more about, it's all found here! Of course if there are other questions that you have, or suggestions you'd like to make, just get in touch with me or any adult in the team – we'd all be happy to help.

Graeme Hankin - Year 5/6 Phase Leader

### **Curriculum**

Since the beginning of term, we have spent time building relationships between children and adults in our Phase. The residential visits were key to supporting us in getting to know each other. Since our return, we have celebrated the experience with lots of developmental conversations and activities highlighting the learning skills that were developed away from school.

Back in school, in key subject areas, we have started Maths learning by developing our Growth Mindset – a belief that we can all be successful mathematicians. In English, we have used Monster Phonics to support our awareness of spelling strategies, begun to develop our understanding of grammar and punctuation and started our new learning journey to support writing development. We have supported children's reading development with reading fluency sessions in class and recently started to send books home for children to read for enjoyment.

In Science, Year 5 have learnt about the human life cycle while Year 6 have explored the cardiovascular system. In Geography the Year 6s developed map reading skills to support enjoyment of residential activities, while the Year 5s are comparing rural and urban areas. Meanwhile all of the children have developed netball skills as part of our PE lessons.

### **Home learning**

Home learning club takes place on a Thursday after school. All home learning activities are issued on a Thursday then should be handed in on the following Tuesday. It is important that your child is given the opportunity to carry out their home learning activities at some point during the week, to enhance the learning that takes place in school.

If you are finding it difficult to provide that time to your child, perhaps they would benefit from home learning club. If you feel that this would support you, please get in contact with us and we will make a place available to them. It's a great opportunity for your child to complete some of their home learning and to ask about anything they may not understand. Home learning club sees children discussing problems, finding solutions and completing activities together. When they need a teacher's help, they ask and are involved in a discussion to help them make progress. It really is a helpful learning environment and a pleasure to be involved in. Get them signed up!

### **After School Activities this term**

Clubs look a little bit different this term with Primary Education Sports running our Tuesday night sports club – netball this term, to fit in with our PE curriculum sessions.

Monday evenings see lots of clubs taking place: Miss Hall runs our Young Playleaders club; Miss Manley takes the choir; and computing club is hosted by Miss Brown.

Thursday evening is Home Learning Club in Years 5 & 6. See above for details.

Please talk to any adult in the setting, or to the team at reception if you are interested in your child attending any of these clubs.



## What have we been up to already?

One word... **Residentials!** Our visits to Dewerstone and Dartmouth were amazing. Thank you so much for finding the money to support your child's attendance in these difficult financial times. Rest assured your children had a fantastic time and received great value for your money. Here are some photos to prove it!



Should you require any further information relating to your child's experiences at school in Years 5 or 6, we are always keen to hear from you. Feel free to approach myself or Miss Manley to make arrangements for chat about whatever might be on your mind. Alternatively call the office team and they will happily pass on a message so that we can make arrangements directly with you.