

# Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

## Year 5/6 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Spring 2024



*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 this half term and next. 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.

I'm off to get my entry ready for the Bake-Off contest...

Graeme Hankin - Key Stage Two Phase Leader

### Curriculum

A big focus for the Year 6s this term is preparation for SATs, the national exams that take place from 13<sup>th</sup> until 16<sup>th</sup> May.

Regular learning continues as normal though across Years 5 and 6, and in Maths we have been loosely following a scheme of learning designed by the National Centre for the Excellence of Teaching in Mathematics (NCETM) – it's an organisation that employs some of the big names in Maths in this country to support teachers in developing their own maths teaching. I say 'loosely' following the scheme because when the children don't understand something they need to, we leave the scheme and focus on that important learning so they can access current age-appropriate ideas when they are ready.

In English, we have used Monster Phonics to support our awareness of spelling strategies, developed our understanding of grammar and punctuation and continued to use teaching sequences designed by Devon County Council English Team to support our teaching of writing.

We have supported children's reading development with reading fluency sessions in class on a daily basis as well as managing the books that your child brings home to enjoy, ensuring they are exposed to a range of genres.

In Science, Year 5 will be exploring forces and the Solar System, while Year 6 will examine electricity then evolution.

In PE, both classes will be playing handball then moving onto Dartmoor 3-ball and cricket in the Summer Term.

### 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 Thursday. 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 for 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! Loads of children already attend and have great fun completing their home learning.

## After School Activities this term

Primary Education Sports are again running our Tuesday night sports club – badminton then Dartmoor 3-ball this half-term and next. Monday evenings see lots of clubs taking place: Miss Hall runs our Young Playleaders club for Year 5s; Miss Manley takes the choir; and computing club is hosted by Mrs Brown. Thursday evening is Home Learning Club in Years 5 & 6.

**We have been busy learning in lots of different ways! Here's Year 6 at our recent Haytor View Music Festival and helping the F2 children with Phonics and Reading on World Book Day:**



...and above are the Year 5s with their Science spinning planet projects in preparation for Science Week.

