

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Years 5 and 6 Newsletter – Autumn 2025



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 term. Whether it's curriculum, home learning or after-school activities that you're keen to know more about, it's all here!

What an amazing start to the new academic year we have had. The children are settling into their new classes and focusing on building strong classroom communities with a shared, positive ethos. If there are any questions that you have, or suggestions you'd like to make, just get in touch with any adult in the team – we'd all be happy to help.

Curriculum

During the autumn term, our learning will focus on....

	AUTUMN CURRICULUM FOCUS	
	Year 5	Year 6
Writing	Revising the basics Narrative: A Word in Your Ear (Art) Information Text: Our Planet	Revising the basics – exploring and expanding sentences Explanation text: How the human cardiovascular system works.
Maths	Building a Growth Mindset Number and Place Value then Additive Reasoning,	
Science	Forces: Gravity and resistance Properties of Materials	The Human body: How the cardiovascular system works. Electricity: Simple Circuits
PSHE	Being Me in My World Celebrating Differences	
Geography	Cities and Countryside	Map-reading. Travel & the environment
History	Struggle for the Kingdom: What unsettled Britain before 1066?	N/A this term. Two units covered in Spring term
Art	Perspective in landscapes	Self-portraits
DT	Mobile Phone Cases	Alarms
Music	Melody and Harmony Sing and Play in Different Styles	
Computing	Computing Systems & Networks Video Production	Toy-making Computational thinking
RE	Christianity Islam	Hinduism Christianity
PE	Hi 5 Netball Dance	
Languages	French	French

Home Reading & Home Learning

It would be really supportive of your child's **reading development** if you could help them find a quiet space at a regular time when they could enjoy a book. This could be the book selected by your child's class teacher or a reading book they just enjoy exploring. **Home/School Contact Books** will follow in a few weeks that will support your child's recording of their reading at home.

Home Learning Club is always well-attended in Years 5 & 6! 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, or maybe your child just needs a bit of help getting the learning completed, perhaps they would benefit from a place at home learning club. If you feel that this would support you, just sign the reply slip and we will make a place available for them. It's a great opportunity for your child to complete most of their home learning and to ask their teacher directly about anything they may not understand.

After School Activities this term

Premier Sports Club – Tuesday 3.15 to 4.30pm

Home Learning Club – Thursday 3.15 to 4.15pm

Choir – will run on a Thursday lunchtime this year...watch this space!

Reminders

PE days for year 5 are on Monday and Friday, with Year 6 on a Thursday and Friday. Please can your child come to school wearing their PE kit: black jogging bottoms/shorts, a white t-shirt, trainers and a school jumper. Please can you provide your child with a healthy snack or a small amount of money to purchase a snack each day.

What we have enjoyed together so far.

Year 5

It has been so wonderful to welcome the children back into our new classroom. They have really enjoyed the new space and the peacefulness it can bring. This has really helped us in stepping up to be Year 5. So far this year we have enjoyed our taster sport's club session with Mr C. It was great fun trying lacrosse, golf and archery on our own school playground! It was the best way to end our first few days back! Also, we've been starting to get into the swing of learning by really considering our multiplication knowledge when spotting patterns. In writing, we've enjoyed revisiting our knowledge of adjectives by creating artwork of our setting and to describe a suspicious looking character... What a great start to the year, Year 5!



In Year 6, we have been getting to know each other better. The photos show **Taylor** working out some Maths questions; **Millie** and **Lilly's** pictures as a plot diagram for our class story: Billy the Kid by Michael Morpurgo; **Harry** filling out our A to Z challenge, naming a country of the world starting with each letter in turn; and **Kyla** explaining from the front of the class how she folded a square of paper to make another square with half of the area of the first. Wow! Great learning for the first week back, eh! I bet you couldn't name all 26 countries... (hand your answers in to me via your child, if you want a go at the challenge!) Graeme Hankin.

