

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Year 5/6 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Spring 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 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.

Graeme Hankin - Key Stage Two Phase Leader

Curriculum

Since our last newsletter, there have been so many developments in our children's learning! In Maths we have been following a scheme of learning designed by the National Centre for Excellent Teaching in Mathematics (NCETM) which is an organisation that employs some of the big names in Maths in this country to support teachers in developing their own maths teaching. Children are enjoying using the scheme and particularly look forward to the imagery that can be used to consolidate their understanding of new concepts.

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 experts 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 improving gymnastics skills in the second half of term. A big focus for the Year 6s this term will be preparation for SATs, the national exams that take place from 9th until 12th May.

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 running our Tuesday night sports club – handball then dodgeball 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...

We have been busy learning in lots of different ways! Here's Year 6 yoga afternoon...



...and Year 5's lantern making and parade!

