

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Year 5/6 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Summer 2022



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

Introduction

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide a chance for reflection about things we have done, as well as giving some pointers towards exciting activities on the horizon. It feels like we have been through some very stormy weather over the last couple of years as a Phase group but this academic year feels like the first decent stretch where we have been on the open seas again – still suffering the effects of the storm but at least we are on the same boat together again!

If the Autumn term provided us with the opportunity to get to know each other better and get used to the way things work in new classes, then the Spring term was when the scales tipped towards academic learning! If you haven't been in to see what we do during Time to Think (8.35-8.50am) please feel free to visit or if you need a private chat about something, your child's teacher will be able to offer you a suitable appointment at another time. If you're uncertain about who to contact, Mrs Cousins is the Learning Leader in Year 4 and Year 3 and 4 Coordinator, and it's Mrs Brown in Year 3. If they are busy and you just want to pass something on quickly, feel free to mention it to our Learning Partners, Miss Wicks and Mrs Louise. In addition, feel free to chat with me - Mr Hankin. I'm the year 6 teacher and Key Stage Two Phase Leader.

Our Shared Aim

All of the people involved in our Phase, children and adults alike, consistently work hard to build relationships with each other. We know each other really well, having enjoyed class trips and lots of learning opportunities together. We genuinely believe in our community and hope if you have anything on your mind, that you could comfortably share that with us. We don't always get it right: when we trust that partnership though, we can solve our problems quicker and our children can feel confident enjoying learning and achieving even more.

Curriculum

We have had a real focus on Reading this year. I cannot stress enough the importance of regular reading: research shows that the majority of primary school children who read regularly and reflect upon that reading are successful in life - full stop! We have invested a great deal of our time and money this year in helping children become enthused about reading – you will have seen your child bringing home new reading books. These are loaned to us by Devon Library Services and are changed regularly to ensure our stock of books in school is still attractive and exciting to your children. We try our hardest to keep up with their desire for new texts!

Whatever your child is learning, feel confident supporting them with the following messages:

Don't give up! Give new things a go! It's okay to make mistakes – that's how we learn!

Challenge is good!

Believe in yourself – you can do it!

Everyone can be a great learner – it's how hard you try that counts!

Home learning

Home learning is given out every week. 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 your child's learning leader 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!

For other information and important dates for your diary – please see our weekly school newsletter
Graeme Hankin – Key Stage 2 Phase Leader

Year 5 information

Like the rest of the school, reading has been a big focus in our classroom. We have enjoyed reading a variety of texts each week and practising how tone of voice, expression and volume can enhance the reading/ listening experience.

Some stand out moments this term have been: our science experiments, West End Schools, sports trip to Newton Abbot College and World Book Day.



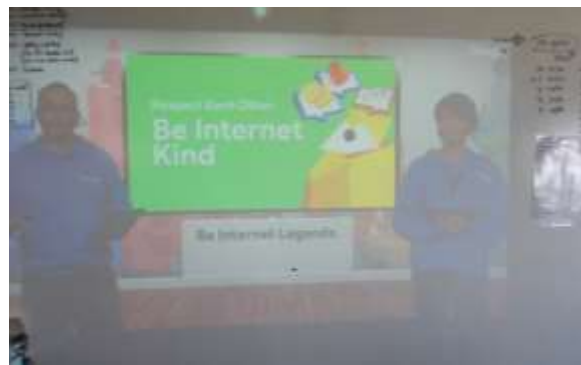
During the **SATs week (9th to 12th May)**, **Year 5 will relocate to the STUDIO**, this is to ensure our classroom is free for Year 6 to use during their tests.

Year 5 will be having swimming lessons which will begin on Tuesday 17th May with one the following Tuesday. After half term these sessions will move to a Friday with the first one being Friday 10th June.

Year 6 information

Ask your child about reading fluency sessions. We practise the different elements of being a great reader each day, from copying an expert reader's expression and pace, to exploring the meaning of words we haven't met yet. The children really enjoy it and it's great fun!

Recent big events in Year 6 during March were World Book Day and our Parentzone online assembly. Here are a couple of photos of us enjoying our time together:



SATs take place between **9th and 12th May**. Please make sure your child gets an early night before the test days so they can give their best during the test itself. We will provide a bit of toast and fruit juice at 8.30 each day before the tests take place. Don't worry

about the tests – we would be keen for all of our children to be very comfortable simply doing their best.

After SATs we have Lucas Jet back for some fun and to teach us circus skills on Friday 13th May. Get ready for swimming in Year 6! It starts on Tuesday 17th May and happens each Tuesday thereafter, swapping to each Friday after half term.

In the meantime, we look forward to seeing you all at the Parent Consultation day on 27th May.

