

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Year 5/6 Key Stage 2 Newsletter – Summer 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

The developments in our children's learning that we talked about in the most recent newsletter, especially in Maths, have gone from strength to strength. Last time we mentioned the scheme of learning designed by the National Centre for the Excellence of Teaching in Mathematics (NCETM) which we have been following this year across the whole school. Children are enjoying using the scheme and particularly look forward to the imagery that can be used to consolidate their understanding of new concepts. Ongoing assessment has shown us that the scheme is working and the learning presented by teachers is indeed being understood by our children.

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 the properties and everyday uses of materials around us, then in turn applying this to their D&T learning. Year 6 will be exploring the categorisation of living things like plants and animals and discovering the shared characteristics they demonstrate that allow us to group them in this way.

In PE, both Year 5 and Year 6 will be playing cricket and exploring a range of events as part of athletics learning, including different running, throwing and jumping disciplines.

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.

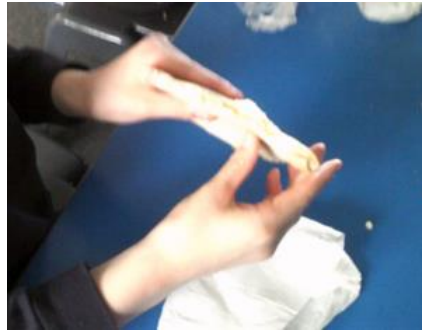
After School Activities this term

Primary Education Sports are again running our Tuesday night sports club 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 more details...

Year 5 activities:

During the second half of Spring term, Year 5 enjoyed their new core text 'Incredible Edibles'. We

focused on the disgusting 'Bum Sandwich' (!) section to familiarise ourselves with instructional writing. Naturally, to help us learn the key elements, we actually made bum sandwiches ourselves! They were surprisingly tasty! We applied our knowledge to our D&T moving toy topic, creating a spinning planet project. It was a day full of teamwork, painting and problem solving which inspired us in our independent write.



Year 6 activities:

In Year 6, it has been a big term so far preparing for national tests – SATs took place from 9th until 12th May. Our children were so ready for them! We practised completing past papers in the run up to the tests and saw our scores improve day by day. The commitment and dedication shown by our learners was astounding. During the actual week of the tests, it was great to see our children applying their knowledge and understanding in such a mature, sensible way – Well done Year 6!

