

Haytor View Community Primary School & Nursery

Years 5 and 6 Newsletter – Spring 2026

Belong – Thrive - Learn



Introduction

This regular termly update has been specially developed for Years 5 & 6 and is designed to keep you informed about all that's happening this half term and next. From curriculum highlights and home learning to after-school activities, you'll find everything you need right here.

What a great start to the Spring term! The children have returned bringing their best, trying their hardest and being able to adapt to sharing our classroom spaces again. They have done so well taking on our new school values of being '**Careful, Kind and Ready**' and showing them in their interactions both in the classroom and on the playground too.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or any member of the team — we're always happy to help.

Miss Shopland, Miss Manley, Miss Wicks and Mrs Pavledis

Curriculum

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

	SPRING CURRICULUM FOCUS	
	Year 5	Year 6
Writing	Instructional Writing Poetry (changing in mood) Narratives	Suspense Writing – narratives SATS Preparation for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar
Maths	Multiplication and Division Area and Scaling Calculating with decimal fractions	Multiplication and Division word problems Shape, space and reasoning Fractions, decimals and percentages.
Science	Space British Science Week	Light – seeing shadows and reflections.
PSHE	Dreams and Goals Healthy Me	
Geography	Why are rivers important?	Local Study – from clay to the modern day.
History	Crime and Punishment: 1066 and beyond How has crime and punishment changed over time?	Linked with Geography – interpreting historical data.
Art	Wire art showing Movement	Expressing ourselves through different mediums.
DT	Moving Toys	Cranes
Music	Djembes and Chords	Music and Technology Developing Ensemble skills
Computing	Coding and Sequencing Data and Information	We are publishers We are connected
RE	Judaism Creation and Science	Creation and Science Christians and the Gospel
PE	Gymnastics Handball	
Languages	Understanding and expressing opinions. Being able to read short texts	Using tenses to have short interactions.

Home Reading & Home Learning

Each week we will set your child learning tasks for maths, writing and spelling.

Please can children continue to do at least 3 entries for reading per week in their Home School Contact Diary.

Also, your child can still access and use their TT Rockstars account to help them learn/consolidate their times tables.

Extra Curricular Activities this term:

Art Club – Monday afterschool with Mrs Brown

Sports Club – Tuesday afterschool with Premier Education

Choir - Wednesday lunchtime with Miss Manley

Home Learning Club – Thursday afterschool with Miss Shopland, Miss Manley and Mrs Cousins.

Reminders

Healthy Snacks

Please can your child bring a healthy snack to school, e.g. fruit, rice crackers, cheese, vegetables. Crisps and chocolate are not permitted. Alternatively, if your child brings in some change, they will be able to purchase fruit, toast or flavoured milk.

Uniform

We are noticing that children are starting to wear more jewellery to school and branded non-school uniform jumpers/hoodies. Children are to wear simple stud earrings only to school; watches (not smart) are permitted. Navy jumpers, fleeces or cardigans are to be worn with a plain white shirt with black trousers or skirts. On P.E days children are expected to wear their usual school attire, however jogging bottoms/shorts and black trainers to be worn instead.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

What we have enjoyed together so far.

Year 5

It has felt like a big term for us moving into our new classroom space. We have enjoyed having a shared reading space with Yr6 and being back with everyone. We have enjoyed making bum sandwiches this term for our writing sequence (instructional writing) which tasted surprisingly nice despite the questionable sounding name. Also, we have loved having Mrs Russell back in our teaching team, teaching us R.E, French and Computing alongside practising our personal times tables and spellings. Recently, we were lucky enough to have Claire Harmer (a local artist supported by the Daisi Project and Helen Foundation) in school to run a colour mixing session with us. Take a look at what we created!



Year 6

With lots of changes taking place in our school community, this term we have been enjoying being together, establishing our sense of belonging in our class and school community and working on our Careful, Kind and Ready behaviours.

We have enjoyed discussing how we learn, developing our resilience and recognising our strengths as both individuals and a class team.

We have started writing and acting out our own spooky / suspense stories, practiced and competed in an UKS2 gymnastics competition alongside Premier Education, learned short division and short multiplication methods in maths, showed off our amazing spelling skills and boosted our confidence as learners through regular SATS practice. One of our favourite learning experiences this half term was creating our own silk paintings of fossils linked to artist Sam Cannon. These will be on display in the Gallery area of the school building soon for all to see.



It has been an absolute pleasure to be alongside the pupils in Year 6 as we work towards our SATS in May. We will continue to work hard this term and regularly remind ourselves of how much progress we are making in all aspects of our learning.