



Year 5/6 Newsletter

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Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to everyone. We hope you have all had a lovely summer. The children have returned eager and ready to learn. This half term there will be lots of exciting opportunities for the children and we are looking forward to watching them shine.

Opportunities for this half term include our year 6 trip to Nethercott Farm, Pedal Power for our year fives and a number of visitors coming into school, as well as our topic— World War II. During this topic the children will have the opportunity to enjoy an engaging World War II day on 6th October. There will be more details to follow.

Homework

We have been really impressed with the positive attitude towards homework already!

Homework is a vital part of your child's learning. Please ensure that your child is spending sufficient time on their various homework activities and where you can, continue to support them.

At the parents meeting, we gave out homework expectation sheets. We also gave these to all children in class. If your child hasn't brought one home, please speak to the class teacher.

Times tables practice, spellings and reading should all be part of the **daily** homework routine.



Nethercott farm



Excitement is building in the year 6 area as we approach our Nethercott trip.

Please remember that the coach will be leaving at 8:30 am on Friday; therefore please ensure that your child is in school by 7.45am. On the morning of the trip we will have the following stations set up in the hall for the collection of certain items: Medical/Money/Camera/Envelopes.

Quick reminders:

- Remember to label all items of clothing
- Pack extra socks and underwear
- Pack toiletry items including lip salve/ Vaseline
- Pack at least 2 bin-liners so that children can store their dirty clothes.
- Give your child a self-addressed envelope with a stamp so that they can send you a letter.
- Please ensure you write to your child and send it as early as possible to ensure it arrives on time.
- Remember to pack your wellies in a separate bag and label them.
- Remember to pack towels.

Important dates for your diary



Thursday 13th September—RNLI workshop

Friday 14th September— Friday 21st

Year 6 at Nethercott Farm

25th September—29th September—Year 5
Bikeability

During Bikeability week please ensure your child remembers their bike and helmet on the correct day or they will not be able to participate. Only those who requested to borrow a bike and helmet will be able to do so.

6th October—World War 2 day

World War II

1939 - 1945

Our first topic this year is World War II. Our topic was launched with an exciting visit from a World War 2 jeep, which the children loved exploring and identifying important features of.

During the topic the children will explore the effect World War II had on our local area and study the impact of the war. They will study the events at Dunkirk and the Blitz.

The children will also enjoy a World War II day on October 6th, where they will get to dress up in WWII outfits and enjoy a series of workshops led by a talented outside agency.

At the end of our topic we will be holding a World War II themed showcase, where you can explore all of your children's work. Details will follow shortly.

English

This term we will be linking our written work closely with our topic work. Year 5 are currently working on diaries and recounts. Looking at different viewpoints and exploring thoughts and feelings of people citizens during the second world war. Year 6 are exploring narrative through the story of Anne Frank.

Maths

This term we are introducing a new times table programme called Times Tales Rock Stars. This is fantastic resources that will encourage children to work through the different levels of times tables. Please look out for the letter giving more details and explaining how this can be used at home.

Religious Education

Our RE units this half term is Creation where children are looking and exploring what God has blessed us with and how we can use these gifts, The children will be finding out about Moses and the ten commandments, with children exploring how the ten commandments shape our lives The children will describe & show how we cause and resolve disharmony through the story of Cain and Abel, exploring the importance of resolving conflict if we are to have a full relationship with God.



Science

Our new topic in Science is Earth, Sun and Moon where children will be exploring their movement and the moon phases. They will be looking at shadows and finding out why they change, and discussing night and day. The children will link their science to statistics through investigation of sunrise and sunset times.

