## Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Dates for your diary!

Wednesday 5th March- Parent's Evening

Thursday 6th March – Parent's Evening

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 7th March – Year 5 Mr Watson's Class Celebration of the

Word (Parents/Carers Welcome)

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Go Green for CAFOD day.

Tuesday 18th March - Higham House Day - 2pm Mass

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – BIG LENT WALK

## A message for parents

Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a pleasant February half term and fully rested and ready for our Lent 2 learning. After working incredibly hard in Lent 1, we are looking forward to building on this in preparation for Lent 2. Forest school will continue to be on a Wednesday afternoon so please make sure wellies and appropriate clothing are in school on these days. PE will continue to be on a Wednesday so correct PE kits will need to be in school for these days. Year 6 will start swimming on Monday for their additional PE lesson so swimming kits will need to be brought in. We look forward to catching up with you at Parent's Evening. Please feel free to contact your class teacher if you are unable to attend.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need any support with any of the above.

Many thanks, Miss Cope, Miss Bosworth and Mr Watson.

## Writing

This half term, we will be using one text: A narrative book called Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo.

We will use this text as inspiration for all our writing this term which will be to write a persuasive letter and a newspaper report.

## Reading

In our reading sessions, children will build on their understanding of language, structure and presentation by analysing the impact they have on a text. As well as working on retrieval and inference skills, the children will look at the impact of the structure of the text on the reader and discussing the themes within the books.

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Texts

#### Maths

To continue, both year groups will be completing White Rose blocks on:

Y5 – Decimals and Percentages

Y6 – Fractions, decimals and percentages.

They will also begin their CLIC sessions to recall and retrieve basic skills in maths.

#### RE

This term our RE topic is called 'Desert to Garden'.

Year 5 will be looking at how we can lead a good life during the season of Lent to ensure eternal life with Jesus in heaven.

Year 6 Show knowledge and understanding of how texts reveal deeper meanings about Jesus as Messiah.

#### Science

In science we will be learning about Animals including Humans

Children will describe the changes as humans develop to old age, provide a chronology of life processes and Identify patterns between gestation periods of different animals.

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#### Geography

In geography, both year 5 and 6 will begin the term
Looking at what life would be like in a desert.

Children will look at where the different deserts are
In the world and what lives in deserts.

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#### Computing

Our computing strand this term is 'Data and information'.

Year 5 will be able to Create a paper-based and digital database, describe how to group data to answer questions about it and explain the benefits of using a computer to organise data.

Year 6 will Create a spreadsheet using formulas and explain how to create and use formulas on spreadsheets.

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This half term, the theme is Playground
Structure where children will design and
create a range of structures. Children will
research and evaluate their designs.
Children will be able to bring their own
resources once designed: egg cartons,
cereal boxes, yoghurt pots etc..

#### **PSHE**

Our topic in PSHE is economic well-being..

Children will be learning about risks associated

#### Music

In music, we will listen to and perform music from South and West Africa. Children will Sing with correct pronunciation, play a chord with two notes with accuracy, give an overview of how to perform and maintain a part in a performance and identify how to play complicated rhythms with rests and join in if the place is lost.

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PE

This year children will have two PE lessons a week: one with First Grade Sports and one with their class teacher.

Year 5 children will be starting football On Mondays with Mr Watson.

Year'6 will be swimming on a Monday afternoon.

#### Forest Schools

This half term, pupils will continue to develop their skills with knots, rules, nature art and den building, as well as developing their skills when using a range of tools.

Please ensure that children have brought a pair of wellies (with socks) to keep at school for Forest Schools. Please also remember the children will continue to need their arms and legs covered for each session.

#### French

In French, we will be looking at different verbs. Children will learn to recall different parts of verbs 'avoir' and 'être', Create an opinion phrase using one of the new verbs, read new verbs aloud with confidence and mostly accurate pronunciation.