

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Dates for your diary!

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 6 Cromford Mills Trip

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 5 Cromford Mills Trip

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2.30pm** - Year 5 charity coffee afternoon

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2pm** - Bishop's Mass for 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - BANK HOLIDAY

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATs week and breakfast club

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 Ninja Warrior Trip

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Last day of term

## A message for parents

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed some well-deserved time with family and friends.

This half term, we are delighted to welcome Miss Leatherland back to Mr Watson's class as she continues her placement with us. Forest School will continue to take place on Wednesday afternoons. Please ensure your child has wellies and suitable outdoor clothing in school on these days.

PE for Year 5 and Year 6 will be on Wednesdays, so children should have their full PE kits in school. In addition, Year 5 will continue to have an extra PE session on Mondays, and Year 6 will go swimming on Monday afternoons. Please make sure your child comes prepared for their specific activities.

As always, if you have any questions or need support with any of the above, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Miss Cope, Miss Bosworth and Mr Watson

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## Writing

This half term, we will be studying poetry!

We will be reading and re-writing our own versions of The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes.

## Maths

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

Y5 - Shape

Position and direction

Y6 - Shape

SATs tests

Year 5 will continue with CLIC while year 6 will continue to practice arithmetic style SATs questions daily.

# PENTECOST

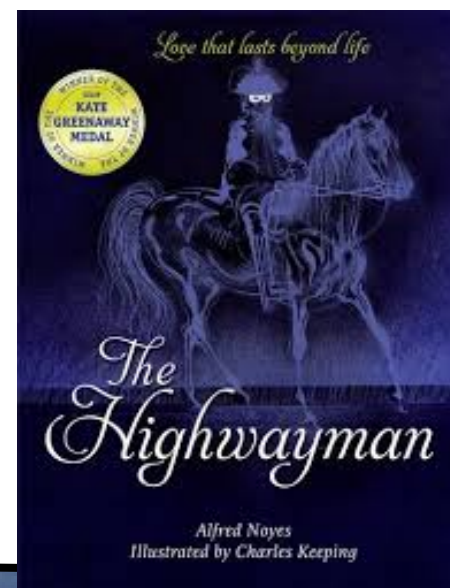
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## Reading

In our reading sessions, children will build on their understanding of language features in poetry.

They will also be practicing performing the poems they are learning using a range of voice, tone, dynamics and fluency.

## Texts



## RE

This term our RE topic is called 'To the ends of the earth'.

Both year groups will be studying the knowledge based around the resurrection of Jesus, what it means to be a witness and martyr of our faith and how personal feelings and experiences lead to different beliefs and different choices about how someone chooses to live their life.



## Science

In science we will be learning about life cycles of various animal groups including mammals, insects, amphibians and birds.

Following this, we will move on to the reproduction processes of animals and plants

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## History

Our history topic this term is a Victorian study focused on the Industrial Revolution and its local impact. Children will explore how urbanisation and machine labour transformed Britain, using sources and artefacts to investigate changes in the local area.

## Computing

Our computing strand this term is 'Creating Media'.

Year 5 will be learning about creating vector drawings using online software.

Year 6 will learn about building 3D models and their uses in the everyday world.

## DT

This half term, children will design, create, and evaluate a navigational tool for a specific client. They'll develop a design brief, build a 3D model of their product, and design a computer program to accompany it. Their ideas will be presented in a Dragon's Den-style pitch.

## PSHE

Our topic in PSHE is Me, My Body and My Health.

As per the parenthub that was sent out last term, both year groups will cover puberty, body changes and recommendations for healthy lifestyles.

Please refer back to information previously sent out for more details

## Music

In Pentecost 1, our music topic is The Colour of Music. Children will be exploring music represented by colour and graphic scores. They will build up to creating their own piece of music inspired by a single colour and performing this as part of a group.

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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 6 children will be going swimming and year 5 will be doing rounders.

## 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 learning about how to talk about our families in French.

They will learn phrases and vocabulary for talking about family members and a family tree.