

Year 5 Newsletter

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Year 5 had an amazing first term. We hope you all had a brilliant Christmas and New Year and the children are returning to school ready to continue with their fantastic learning.

This year we are really focusing on Fantastic Speaking and Listening and Fantastic Walking and Entry.

Please feel free to download the Marvellous Me app, so you can keep up to date with all your child's achievements and all the things that happen in school.

Just a reminder that your child is able to bring in a healthy snack for break time (e.g. fruit and cereal bars) to tide them over until lunchtime.

PE Day: All children will need to have their PE kit in school for **Thursday** afternoons. As the weather continues to be colder, please add a tracksuit to your child's PE kit to keep them nice and warm. Sadly, we have had a large number of children regularly without PE kits.



Diary Dates

INSET DAY—Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 8th January — Book Awards to be launched (more details to follow)

Thursday 18th January — Portsmouth Football Club Anti-Discrimination Talk.

Wednesday 7th February—Visiting author Stewart Foster linked to Mental Health Week.

Boys and girls' football clubs are still continuing, with more matches against other schools happening.

Science

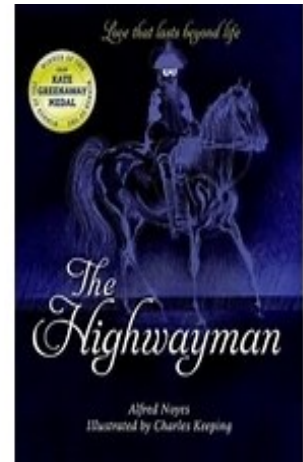
This half term, we are learning about materials and their change of state. We are exploring reversible and irreversible changes and will be planning and conducting experiments.

What do you think reversible and irreversible mean?



English

This half term we will be reading 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will be writing a monologue as the Highwayman, focusing on parenthesis and paragraphing. We will also be writing a character description, aiming to include expanded noun phrases and relative clauses. Finally, we will be writing a non-fiction report about an event from the story. In this piece we will focus on modal verbs and passive voice.



Who could the Highwayman be?

In RE

Hinduism

Concept: Incarnation

Key question: How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?

Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!

Computing

In this unit we will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Crumble programming environment. We will be introduced to a microcontroller and learn how to connect and program components through the application of our existing programming knowledge.

Which items in the house use technology? Is every piece of technology in the house needed? Why/why not?



Maths

In Maths, we will be deepening our knowledge of fractions and decimals and introducing percentages. We will become familiar and confident with common fraction, decimal and percentage equivalents. We will continue to learn about angles and use a protector to measure angles.

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their times tables facts and also number facts for fluency (number bonds, doubles, near doubles) these may sound easy but if we know these facts it makes the harder concepts easier. Discuss the times tables you are happy with and those you need to practise.

Home Learning

At the beginning of this new year we will be encouraging children to continue working on their times table facts and spelling the 3/4 and 5/6 spelling lists.

We would love your support in helping us to actively encourage your child to continue to develop a love of reading by reading at home throughout the week.