

Year 5 Newsletter

Summer 2



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We hope you had a lovely, sunshine filled half term and are all raring to go for the final stint of the year! It's been such a great year and we can't wait to go out with a bang!

Just a reminder about the Marvellous Me app: please download if you haven't already done so. Then you can keep up to date with all your child's achievements and all the things that happen in school!

Just another 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.

As the weather is getting warmer, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school. You can also send them in with a sunhat and wearing sunscreen.

PE Day:

All children will need to have their PE kit in school for **Thursday** afternoons.

As the weather continues to get warmer (fingers crossed!) please make sure your child has suitable clothes in school to ensure they are cool.

Sadly, we have had a large number of children without PE kits. Therefore, please can you ensure your child does have a kit in school. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Thursday 6th June—parents to be invited in to our art gallery (more information to follow).

Monday 24th June (5EW) and Tuesday 25th June (5ND) geography trip to a river.

Thursday 27th June—Portsmouth Book Awards ceremony at Kings Theatre.

Friday 28th June—INSET DAY

Wednesday 24th July—Portsdown's Got Talent and last day of term!

Newsletter challenge: Together with your child, read through and have a go at the tasks on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have completed them.

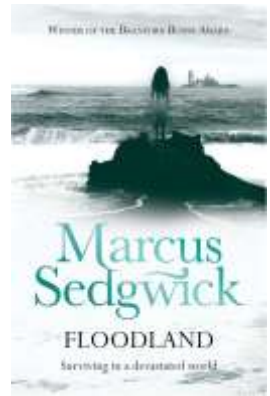
Science

This half term, we are continuing to learn about life cycles and habitats. We will be focusing on a couple of key scientists who are specialists in this field and producing a non-chronological report about them and their lives. Have a think about the animals that live in your local area. How many different habitats do you think there are?



English

In English this half term, we will be reading two books. We're starting with Floodlands which is a dystopian themed book. This will inspire us to write a narrative and a formal persuasive letter. We will finish the year reading Varmints and write one final narrative piece to showcase all the skills we have learnt this year.



Look at the front cover and make a prediction about what you think our new book will be all about. Does the title and imagery give you any clues?

In RE

Christianity

Theme: Beliefs and Practises

Key question: What is the best way for a Christian to show commitment to God?

We're sewing cushions in DT:



Computing

In this unit, we will develop our knowledge of 'selection' by revisiting how 'conditions' can be used in programming, and then learning how the 'if... then... else...' structure can be used to select different outcomes depending on whether a condition is 'true' or 'false'. We will then use Scratch to input our algorithms.



True or false: you always need a computer for an algorithm?

Maths

In maths, we will be revisiting fractions and geometry to brush up on our shape knowledge.

We will then go over multiplication and division, focusing on doing them both mentally and formally in a written method.

We will then end the year consolidating all of our four operation work; go back over decimals; and recap what we've learnt about measurement.

Question for you: do you want $\frac{1}{2}$ of my bar of chocolate or 0.45 of my bar? Why?

Home Learning

We are continuing to encourage children to work on their times table facts and spelling the $\frac{3}{4}$ and $\frac{5}{6}$ 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.