

# KS2 Newsletter

## Year 5 and Year 6

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After a week and a half of creative activities while settling into their new classrooms and getting to know their teacher, the children have this week begun to follow the new timetable and are enjoying getting to grips with more structured English and Maths lessons.

### English

Year 5 and Year 6 both started the term by writing about their Summer holidays in the form of a newspaper report and are now learning about the different word classes in their SPaG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lessons.

Year 5 have started a unit of work based on the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. They have been learning about the characters and thinking ahead to predict what may happen later in the poem.

Year 6 are learning how to write short stories which include flashbacks and have begun by watching a short film called 'The Piano' by Aidan Gibbons. It is very emotive and the children have already included some very powerful language within the first few paragraphs.

### Maths

Year 5 have made the most of some good weather and have done a lot of outdoor maths. This has included measuring the perimeter of the field and the circumference of our trees. They have investigated whether arm length affects the distance that children can throw and have also used their knowledge of directions to plot routes around school. Indoors, they have started to work on their place value knowledge.

Year 6 have focused on place value skills this week by securing their ability to read, write, compare and order numbers up to ten million. They are able to say the values of each digit even in these huge numbers. They have also looked at much smaller decimal numbers with tenths, hundredths and thousandths.

### Class rules

Both classes have spent time discussing the expectations and class rules which enable all children to learn.

Year 6 are proving to be great role models for the rest of the school and are already 'play-leading' at lunchtimes to ensure that all the younger children have games and people to play with.

### Science

Year 5 have already begun their first topic in which they will be learning about our solar system. They

Year 6 will be learning about 'Living things and their habitats' so it would be great if they can start thinking about which animals are mammals, reptiles, birds, fish or amphibians.

We really hope that all the children are enjoying their new classes and that they understand any new routines and expectations. Mrs Rimmer and Miss Smith are more than happy to answer any queries so do please talk to them after school.