

# KS2 Newsletter

## Year 5 and Year 6

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### English

Year 5 have applied their knowledge of similes, metaphors and alliteration to write an additional verse for the 'Highwayman', which Miss Smith can't wait to read!

They have also been working on pronouns, relative clauses and the spelling of 'ough' words.

Year 6 have been learning all about poetry by studying an anthology of poems by Grace Nichols called 'Cosmic Disco'. They have discovered that poems do not have to rhyme or have verses the same length, but that the quality of the language is what creates images in people's minds. They have been inspired to write some incredible poetry of their own about colours, plants, hummingbirds and the Aurora Borealis.

### Maths

Year 5 have been looking at addition and subtraction multi-step problems and working on the 6 times table. They have practised measuring and drawing angles correctly and finding missing angles on a line.

Year 6 have also been working on angles and have improved their accuracy, measuring to the nearest degree. They have combined this with accurate drawing of lines to draw 2D shapes with given lengths and angles. Even 1 mm out is too much! They have also enjoyed learning about 3D shapes and investigating all the possibilities for a net of a cube.

### 20 minute walk

Both classes are enjoying their daily walk, particularly when the weather is kind! It is helping our fitness and stamina as well as providing an opportunity for social skills, reflection and observing the seasonal changes. Each day a different child wears the pedometer to measure the kilometres and number of steps walked during each lap. The maths opportunities are endless as we calculate totals, averages and perimeters.

### Science

Year 5 have been learning about the movements of the Earth, Sun and Moon as well as researching and creating information posters about space.

Year 6 have continued their work on classification and have started to learn about another class of living things - micro-organisms or microbes. They have set up an investigation to investigate which is the best type of packaging to prolong the life of bread and prevent the growth of micro-organisms such as mould.

### Year 6

Having just awarded the first Truly Trusted badges in assembly today, we don't really want to lose our fabulous Year 6 children just yet! However, the deadline to apply for a Year 7 Secondary School place is **31st October 2015**. Applications received after this date will be considered late and will not receive an offer letter until 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015.