

# YEARS 5 & 6 NEWSLETTER

## JANUARY 2025

### Welcome back

Christmas seems like a distant memory as we plough headfirst into the coldest of all terms! This term we are trying to go green as we look at climate change whilst looking at protest, debate and speeches and how we can work towards a cleaner future.

Our theme for this term is Planet Earth and as usual it will be through this that we cover our History, Art, Music, DT, RE and RSHE. Further details about our curriculum and other subjects can be read on the attached document where you will also see our texts and our Big Questions for the term.

### PE and swimming

We will be mostly indoor throughout this half-term so please make sure that your child wears suitable clothing in line with PE uniform. Swimmers will need to bring a swimming hat, swimming costume and towel. Please don't forget pants! Halfway through they will also need to bring shorts and T-shirt for their Swimming Safety Certificate but we will keep you posted on that one.

- Saxons will swim this term as their PE.
- Trojans will need to wear PE uniform on a Monday.
- Vikings will need PE kit on a Monday.

### Homework

- As before Maths homework will be sent out at the end of each Maths unit.
- Spelling – spellings are stuck into the children's reading diaries on a Monday, and they are tested later in the week.
- We expect the children to read at least four times a week (for 15mins) at home and we will be encouraging them to update their reading diaries. We will be checking reading diaries weekly.
- Once a book has been read children must complete an Accelerated Reader quiz on that book in school.
- Children should be playing TT Rock stars and developing their quick recall of their times tables, at least once a week.



Thank you for your support, Mr Vaughan, Mr Roper, Mrs Macey, Mrs Fairweather, Mr Fisher, Mrs Buckles and Miss Berg

# The big questions

<p><b><u>Literacy 1<sup>st</sup> Half</u></b></p> <p>Balanced argument</p> <p>Persuasive speech</p>	<p><b><u>Literacy 2<sup>nd</sup> Half</u></b></p> <p>Climate change debate</p> <p>Adventure story – linked to Kensuke’s Kingdom</p>	<p><b><u>Science 1</u></b></p> <p>Would you rather live in a world with no plants or no animals?</p>	<p><b><u>Geography</u></b></p> <p>How is the Earth changing?</p>
		<p><b><u>Science 2</u></b></p> <p>Can you create a classification key for some pond animals?</p>	
<p><b><u>Computing</u></b></p> <p>What impact does change have?</p> <p>Internet- Positive or negative?</p>	<p><b><u>Planet Earth</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Reading Spine:</u></b></p> <p>Kensuke’s Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo</p> <p>Window – Jeannie Baker</p> <p>Fog - Carl Sandburg</p>		<p><b><u>DT</u></b></p> <p>How does sustainability impact a human diet?</p>

<p><b><u>Music</u></b></p> <p>Learning to play the ukulele</p>	<p><b><u>Languages</u></b></p> <p>French</p>	<p><b><u>Art</u></b></p> <p>How is climate change represented through art?</p> <p>COLLAGE and TEXTILES</p>	<p><b><u>PE</u></b></p> <p>Invasion games</p>
<p><b><u>RSHE</u></b></p> <p>How should you be respectful?</p>	<p><b><u>RE</u></b></p> <p>Why are some people inspirational in religion?</p> <p><b><u>PE Days:</u></b></p> <p>Swimming - Monday for Saxons</p> <p>PE day – Monday for Vikings and Trojans</p>		



# Vocabulary

<u>Maths Year 5</u>	<u>Maths Year 6</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>DT</u>
long multiplication expanded method multiplier compact short scale down test of divisibility improper fraction mixed number proper fractions thousandths convert decimal fraction nearest whole number per cent symbol % number of parts per hundred percentage percentage equivalent	degree of accuracy formulae linear sequence express unknowns equations equivalent expression number pattern express generate symbols variables miles cubic kilometres cubic millimetres proportion ratio power digital root	characteristics classify mammal amphibian insect bird taxonomist key bacteria viruses fungi microorganism microscope species	sustainable microorganisms ratios scale variety processed savoury aesthetic environmental accurate ingredients recipe

<u>Computing</u>	<b><u>Year 5/6 Spring 2025</u></b> <b><u>Vocabulary</u></b> <b><u>Planet Earth</u></b>  <b><u>Reading Spine:</u></b> Kensuke's Kingdom – Michael Morpurgo Window – Jeannie Baker Fog - Carl Sandburg		<u>RSHE</u>
programming variables code algorithms website webpage html code fair use copyright navigation hyperlinks			responding safely online/offline respectful behaviour online self-respect respectful relationships setbacks and failures reporting concerns sharing data reliable sources misinformation

<u>Music</u>	<u>Geography</u>	<u>RE</u>	<u>Art</u>
verses chorus rhythmic timbre duration lyrics melody	weather climate meteorologist precipitation climate change	sin tolerance respect morals	collage textiles mixed texture visual tactile mosaic
<u>PE – Invasion games</u>			
shooting passing dribbling attacking defending space possession pivot			

