

# Year 5/6 Newsletter – Summer 1

## Welcome

We're delighted to welcome you and your children back for another vibrant and engaging term. Over the next few weeks, pupils will be exploring a rich variety of new topics designed to spark their curiosity and build on the fantastic progress they've already made this year. This term, our learning will focus on strengthening core skills in English and mathematics, delving into fresh themes across our wider curriculum, and continuing to foster independence, resilience, and a genuine love of learning.

We're looking forward to a productive and enjoyable term ahead, and we appreciate your continued support in helping your child thrive.

If you need to contact us, please do not hesitate to arrange a meeting with us via the office at [admin@seathorneprimaryacademy.org](mailto:admin@seathorneprimaryacademy.org)

The Year 5/6 team

## Spelling and Reading

We focus on one spelling rule per week and this is chosen from our recent assessments. We also revisit previously taught spelling rules in low-stake quizzes.

We will be reading a wide variety of texts, continuing to work on skills such as inference and explanation, finding evidence in the text to support our arguments.



## Writing

**We will read** Hansel and Gretel by Neil Gaiman

Seven Ghosts by Chris Priestley

Thornhill by Pam Smy

**We will be writing the following text types:**

**Narrative:**

Third person narrative linked to Hansel and Gretel

Third person narrative linked to Seven Ghosts

**Non-Fiction:**

Recount linked to Thornhill

**Other books in our book family**

Ghost: Thirteen Haunting Tales to Tell, The Graveyard Book



## Maths

This term the Year 6s will be preparing for their SATs. They will be learning about perimeter, area and volume, before moving on to position and direction (looking at coordinates) and finally properties of shapes. If there is still time, we will consolidate our understanding of graphs and tables.

The Year 5s will gain a deeper understanding of graphs and tables before moving onto properties of shapes, specifically looking at angles before starting to study position and direction by looking at coordinates.



## Science

In our 'Circulatory System' topic this term, we will learn how to do the following:

- identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood
- recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs, and lifestyle on the way our body's function
- describe the ways in which nutrients and water are transported within animals/humans

Children may have the opportunity to get very 'hands-on' with this topic and will get to investigate the structure of the heart in depth.

## Design and Technology and Art

This term, we will be finishing our projects on automata toys and then moving on to look at our photography unit. We will look at key skills need to take pictures and how elements of picture taking changes the images we are creating.

## Geography

In geography, we will be studying what a biome is and then comparing different biomes around the world. We will look at fauna and flora as well as climate, human impact and physical geography.

## Music

In music, the children will be continuing to learn to play the ukulele while exploring lullabies, including composing their own gentle melodies in 3/4 time and understanding how lullabies are used to soothe babies. They are also developing their skills by singing with expression, comparing different time signatures such as 3/4 and 4/4 and explore more songs with other chords.



## PE

This term the class will be taking part in striking and fielding games, focusing on cricket. They will learn how to do different throws for different purposes as well as learning how to strike using a bat. The children will also learn rules and roles associated with cricket. The children will also be taking part in athletics, looking at the different events and learning skills for each one.



**Tigers PE lessons are Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Orangutans PE lessons are Mondays and Thursdays**

**Macaws PE lessons are Tuesdays and Wednesdays**

## PSHE



We will conclude our topic on British Values before moving on. We will then move onto alcohol, looking at its effects on the human body and why people drink.

## RE

Our learning focus for this term is justice, fairness and poverty. We will discuss what justice is and how it impacts our daily lives, how fairness should be shown to everyone and what poverty is and how it impacts our local community.



## Reminders

As a reminder, our school uniform for Upper Key Stage 2 is a white shirt and school tie with black trousers/skirt and black shoes.

Children are expected to read at home daily. Reading records should be brought into school each Friday for Dojo points to be awarded. These will be checked by an adult.

Homework will be given on a Monday and clearly explained and handed in on Friday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework. This includes Times Tables Rock Stars outside of school hours.

Homework projects are optional, but children will be given dojo points on completion of this homework.



### Homework Projects



#### Geography

Research a biome and create a picture showing what plants and animals you will find in that biome.

#### Science

William Harvey was an important scientist who studied anatomy. Research him and create a fact file. Include his birth, death, where he lived, what he studied and what his contribution to science was.

#### R.E.

What is justice? Create a poster answering this question.



### Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



**Times Tables Rockstars**



**Year group information**

**Tigers**

**Class Teacher:** Mrs Horry and Miss Simmonds  
**Teaching Assistants:** Miss Pacey

**Macaws**

**Class Teacher:** Miss Dearman and Miss Simmonds  
**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Fletcher

**Orangutans**

**Class Teacher:** Mr Baker  
**Teaching Assistants:** Mrs Shortland

**Please remember to name your child’s school jumper or cardigan and that Key Stage 2 uniform is black/grey trousers/skirt and white shirt/polo shirt**

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

**Dates for the diary!**

**Summer 1**

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – School reopens to pupils
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Y5 Taster Day to Skegness Grammar School
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs Assessments
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – School closes for the half term holiday.
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – School reopens to pupils.