

# Year Five & Six Newsletter

Spring Term 2024

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you all had a great Christmas - the children certainly seemed to have had a super time.

These are just a few notices and reminders to help get the term off to a smooth start.

- Friday 12th January– RAF workshop (Science Glider Challenge STEM day)
- Tuesday 6th February—Parents' meeting for Winmarleigh Hall Residential—3.20pm
- Monday 19th February– Y6 SATs Parent meeting—3.20pm
- Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February—Year 6 Voices of Equality Workshop
- 27th February – 1st March—Winmarleigh Hall Residential—see separate leaflet
- Friday 15th March—Gender Equality Workshop

In addition to this, we would like to provisionally invite you to our class 'Open Afternoon' on Thursday 21st March at 2:30pm; where we can take the opportunity to share and celebrate the children's achievements and successes from across the term.

## **KS2 SAT's—YEAR 6 ONLY**

The SATs take place on the week beginning the 13th May and last the full week. The children will be tested on reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spellings, mathematical reasoning and arithmetic. I will begin SAT's revision club on Tuesday 20th February. Please note that there will be no SATs Revision Club on Tuesday 27th February due to the Year 5 and 6 residential.

## **Homework**

We strongly encourage your child to be reading at home through 'Strive for 5' for approximately 20 minutes in order to help reach the Year 5 and 6 expectations. If you are unsure of these expectations, they can be located on the School website. If your child reads 5 times (or more) in a week, they will be awarded a reading raffle ticket which will be entered into the reading raffle draw. To develop children's Maths skills, we want children to complete two Mathletics activities (one will be linked to their Maths topic in class from that week's learning and one related to another area of the Maths curriculum). Those children who complete their Mathletics activity weekly will be awarded a Maths raffle ticket which will also be entered into the maths raffle draw. In addition to this, your child will also complete a Topic related homework task each half term—which is set on Seesaw.

## **What we will be learning this term?**

Our topics this term are:

- The Battle of Britain -A Turning Point in History
- The Geography of Europe



We will begin this topic with Geography, investigating Europe and the countries which were involved in WW2. Key skills developed will include using grid references and Ordnance Survey maps to locate places and landmarks. As part of History, we will look at some of the main events of WW2, why Germany tried to invade Britain during the summer of 1940 and why the RAF did win the Battle of Britain. In Art and Design children will improve their mastery of DIGITAL MEDIA. In Design Technology, they will research and design their own soft toy.

## **Religious Education**

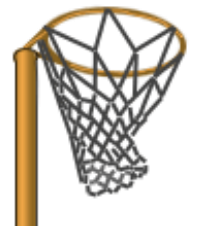
While learning about Multi Cultural Great Britain, Year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to compare Christianity and Islam and places of worship in Cumbria and the wider community. The children will also explore the prophet Muhammad and who he was.



## **P.E**

Our P.E sessions will begin with tag rugby and basketball. All children require a P.E kit. This should be kept in school all week, enabling us to be more flexible with hall times and outdoor PE. Please note the P.E kit is as follows:

- Shorts or tracksuit bottoms
- T-Shirt
- Trainers (Pumps are not adequate in Y5/6 due to the nature of games).



## **Forest School—Year 6 only**

All children require a wellies and waterproof jacket and trousers for these sessions.

- Thursday 11th January—1pm –3.20pm
- Thursday 18th January—1pm—3.20pm
- Thursday 1st February—1pm-3.20pm

As always, if you have any questions or concerns and wish to speak to a member of the Year 5 and 6 team then please come in for a chat. Thanks again for all your support.

Mrs Airey, Mrs Smith and Mrs Warden