

Year 5/6 Spring Term Overview

Topic

Our topic this term is Forces (Science link), with a great trip planned to Paultons Park to see forces in action.

Trip (Science link)

Our trip this term is to Paultons Park, on **Monday 26th February**. The morning will be led by the Education Team at Paultons Park, on the theme of 'Forces', followed by lunch and the afternoon to enjoy the rides. Warm coats, warm layers, appropriate footwear and a good sized pack lunch (with water bottle), are essential on the day! (Ideally in a disposable bag). Please note that in order to make the most of the day, we will be returning to school slightly later than normal; **at 4.00pm**.



PE/Games

Our indoor PE is on a Thursday, which is gymnastics, followed after half-term with dance, and our outdoor games is on a Monday (Year 5) and Friday (Year 6). Please ensure proper PE kit is in school on both days (including warmer outdoor layers for colder weather).

English

Our learning focus will be persuasive writing, Shakespeare plays, poetry, a recount of our Paultons Park visit and instruction writing linked to our Forces topic. Year 6 are continuing their work on 'Treasure Island'. We will continue to focus on grammar, punctuation and spelling, on a daily basis.

Maths

All pupils will be working on converting between decimals, fractions and percentages, and units of measure, including time, money, temperature, angles and distance. We will also continue to use the four number operations in multi-step word problems, using problem solving and reasoning. Year 6 will also be drawing 2D shapes given dimensions and angles, and investigating circles.

Music

We are very pleased to have Hampshire Music Service musicians coming to give a concert to KS2 on **Wednesday 21st February**, where they will talk about their

instruments and demonstrate popular tunes on a variety of instruments. Now that we have a woodwind teacher in school, we have 32 children already learning saxophone, flute and clarinet. Please let the office know if your child would like to join the waiting list. Our Music unit is 'Music at the movies', where we will be looking at the impact of incidental music and composing our own sound effects.



PSHCE

In our new Jigsaw programme, this term we will be discussing 'Dreams and Goals' having a positive attitude; motivation and resilience; and encouraging team work.

French

Continuing with our 'Language Angel's' Programme, Year 5/6 will be learning vocabulary to support learning about food and good health, 'manger et bouger'.

RE

Our RE theme this half term is Hindu beliefs. Our key question is, 'How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?' this is following our enquiry-based RE scheme of work.

Year 6 SATs Parent's Evening

Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers are invited to an information evening on **Monday 22nd January from 6 – 6.45pm in the school hall**. The Year 6 team, and Mr Brown and Mrs Pollitt, will talk you through the tests and what we and you can do in preparation. **SATs week** itself is the week beginning **Monday 14th May**.

Year 6 Bikeability

Our Year 6's also have their Bikeability week, from **Mon 26th – Thurs 29th March**. More information on this to follow.

Reports and Parent's evenings: Tues 20th and Wed 21st March 3.30 – 6.30pm

Exit Point: Thurs 29th March, 2.30pm

Year 5 Osmington Trip

Year 5's have their fantastic residential week in Osmington, just after Easter, from **23rd – 27th April**.

From the Year 5/6 Team: *Mrs Mayall, Mr Green, Miss Gibaud, Mrs Pollitt*

Mrs Halls, Mrs Hughes, Mrs Kimber, Mrs Catton