

YEAR 5/6 NEWSLETTER

March 2026



It has been a short but very busy half-term for our Upper School pupils, with lots of exciting learning taking place across the curriculum.

In Year 5, the children have been exploring why our oceans matter and the important role they play in supporting life on Earth. They have considered issues such as pollution, marine habitats and the ways humans can help protect our oceans. Alongside this, pupils enjoyed taking part in a lively and engaging music workshop, where they explored rhythm, performance and collaboration while developing their confidence and creativity.

Year 5 have also been discovering the wonders of space in their science lessons, learning about planets, stars and the wider universe. Their curiosity and enthusiasm for the topic has been wonderful to see, with lots of thoughtful questions and discussions taking place in class. The highlight for many pupils was their exciting overnight stay at Winchester Science Museum, where they took part in a range of hands-on activities and interactive exhibits. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life and gave the children a memorable experience outside the classroom.

Year 6 have been working extremely hard this half term as they continue preparing for the forthcoming SATs, showing great focus, resilience and determination in their learning. Alongside their revision and practice, they have continued to explore a range of interesting topics across different subjects. In science, they have been learning about different sources of energy and discussing the impact these have on our environment and future sustainability. In computing, pupils have begun exploring the basics of game programming, developing their logical thinking and problem-solving skills, while in science lessons they have also been engaging in thoughtful discussions and debates around the theory of evolution. It has been wonderful to see their maturity, enthusiasm and growing confidence across such a wide range of subjects.

The year 5 and 6 teaching teams.

NEXT HALF-TERM

The next half term brings several exciting opportunities and challenges for our Upper School pupils.

Year 6 will be completing their End of Key Stage SATs, and we are very proud of the effort they have put in to prepare for these important assessments. Alongside this, they will also participate in auditions for their end-of-year production, which is always a highlight and a valuable opportunity for pupils to showcase their talents. Later in the half term, Year 6 will head off on their three-day residential to Swanage, where they will take part in a range of outdoor activities while building teamwork, independence and lasting memories together.

Meanwhile, Year 5 will begin to step into some of the positions of responsibility currently held by Year 6, helping them prepare for their role as the oldest pupils in the school next year. They will also launch their new history topic on the Vikings through an exciting workshop and will be creating pop-up books to share their learning with younger children. In science, they will be exploring ecosystems and habitats, discovering how living things are connected and learning about the circle of life.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting half term with lots of opportunities for learning, creativity and new experiences.

P.E. LESSONS NEXT HALF TERM

YEAR 5

BEECH: TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

CEDAR: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

ROWAN: MONDAY AND THURSDAY

YEAR 6

CHERRY : MONDAY AND FRIDAY

SPRUCE : TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

WILLOW : TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

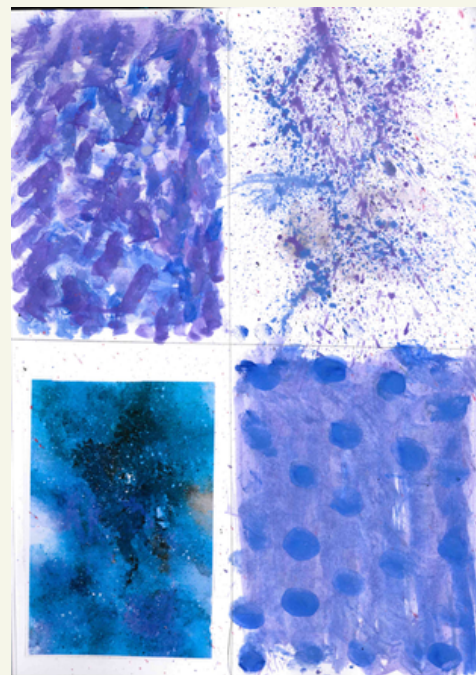


THIS HALF-TERM IN Y5

EXPERIMENTING WITH A RANGE OF MEDIUMS IN ART



Nova (Cedar class)



Ruby (Rowan class)

WINCHESTER SCIENCE MUSEUM



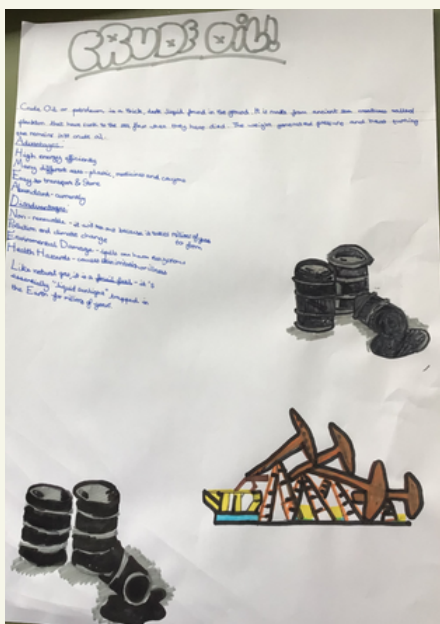
THIS HALF-TERM in Y6

SETTING DESCRIPTIONS

AS MICHAEL OPENED HIS EYES, HE FOUND HIMSELF SURROUNDED BY THE SOFT GLOW OF DAWN. PALE GOLD LAYERS OF SILKY SAND CLUNG TO MICHAEL'S SALTY WARM SKIN; SOOTHING WATER TICKLED BETWEEN HIS TOES, STINGING HIS OPEN CUTS. THE GENTLE WAVES FOLDED THEMSELVES ONTO THE SHORE WITH A SOFT, RHYTHMIC HUSH, LEAVING BEHIND DELICATE LACE PATTERNS OF WHITE FOAM. IN THE DISTANCE, TALL TREES SWAYED GENTLY IN THE BREEZE, THEIR LUSH GREEN FOLIAGE CONTRASTING AGAINST THE TURQUOISE SKY. THE SALTY AIR OF THE OCEAN BLENDED WITH THE RICH FRAGRANCE OF CRUSHED LEAVES AND RIPE FRUIT, HANGING PATIENTLY TO BE PICKED.

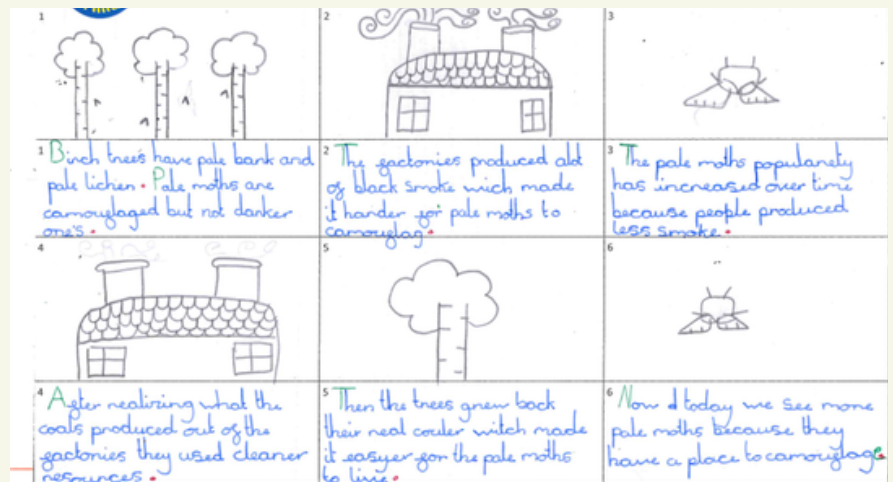
Emma (Spruce class)

INVESTIGATING ENERGY SOURCES



Laurie and Sophia (Willow class)

NATURAL SELECTION : THE STORY OF THE PEPPERED MOTH



Emily (Cherry class)

KEY DATES NEXT HALF TERM:

APR

Mon 13th : First day back of the new term.

Wed 15th : Viking workshop - Year 5.

Tues 21st : PTA Mufti Day for Earth Day (information to follow)

Wed 22nd : Class photos

Tues 21st 6.15pm: Meeting for Year 6 parents regarding SATs arrangements and Swanage. This meeting will be held online.

Mon 27th and Tue 28th : Rowan class parent consultations

MAY

Mon 4th : Bank holiday. School closed.

Mon 11th - Thurs 14th : Year 6 SATs

Wed 20th - Fri 22nd: Year 6 residential trip to Swanage

Fri 22nd : Last day before half-term break. School finishes at the usual time (15:10).