

# UKS2 NEWSLETTER

## END OF TERM 5

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Another term has flown by and what a term it has been! This term, Year 5 and 6 split their topics. Read below to discover what we all got up to and marvel at the outcomes of our projects!



### YEAR 6 LEAVE THEIR MARK!

In Year 6, we have revisited our Lower Key stage Two topic and explored the question: how can we protect the rainforest and its inhabitants? We started the term looking at how big the rainforest actually is by using a site called 'True Size': one group managed to get forty four countries in the area that it covers which we were amazed by. This made us realise the importance of the task and were facing. We researched the impacts of deforestation and learnt that it was deforestation was the answer, we not an easy task facing us as whilst we all initially felt that stopping

learnt that it is responsible for generating \$13.2 billion dollars and employing millions of people – this really split our opinions!

We then ended the term writing to Mrs Engley after speaking to a plastic-free school and the team at Forest and Beach to persuade her to accept our solutions to some of the waste problems in our school (including teacher laminating and paper budgets) – watch this space to see how we got on!

### UPCOMING DATES:

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**  
Half Term

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June**  
INSET Day

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
Start of Term 6

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**  
Enterprise Project starts for Year 6

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 5 swimming

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June**  
Year 6 Bikeability training

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June**  
Olympus Trust Transition day

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July**  
Olympus Trust transition day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> July**  
Year 6 camp

**TBC Enterprise Fair**  
Last week at term

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**  
Year 6 leavers trip

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
Leavers' Trip

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**  
End of the year



### Year 5 bringing hope to those in need

In Year 5, we have been learning about the devastating effects of hurricane Katrina and how people overcome difficulties through the work of the Red Cross.

In art, we learnt about the artist Alberto Giacometti who used drawings and then sculptures to show the human form. We also compared his work to that of Quentin Blake and explored how features could be exaggerated for effect. We then created our own sculptures using metal wire and clay. We tried to create various body positions to show the people of New Orleans during and after the hurricane.

Having learnt about the amazing work of the Red Cross, we created leaflets to inform others. We know that the Red Cross is a world wide charity who will help anyone in need! They are funded by donations and 95% of the charity is run by volunteers. The work they do throughout the world supports millions of people. To find out more go to: [www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

Year 6 blew Miss Campbell and Mr Watkins away with the progress that they made in their recent swimming lessons. They were such a supportive team for each other and cheered each other on and were incredibly responsible in walking to and from the Leisure Centre. An extended thank you to our parent helpers, Mr O and Mr Brown – we could not have done it without you!

### D.T week 2021 - TEXTILES

This term's D.T week was based on textiles.

In Year 5, we designed a small comforter cushion using felt. Our audience was a child who had survived a natural disaster but had lost everything so we wanted our product to bring comfort, joy and hope to them. We practised our needle skills first by learning running, backstitch and blanket stitch before using these techniques to combine the material.

In Year 6, we have been applying our skills of pulleys, leavers and cams to make a cohesive rainforest. Each pair had to communicate with their team to ensure the trunks and features lined up. We then practised different stitches before making beautiful leaves to hang on our designs.

### The BIG 6 of Term 6

Just a reminder of the exciting things awaiting Year 6 this term. If you haven't returned your slips, please make sure these are handed in on the first Thursday back so that we can finalise costs and watch this space for some exciting fundraising events including an ice cream sale every Friday of Term 6!

