Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 12th November, 2026 **Years 5 and 6**

Welcome Back!

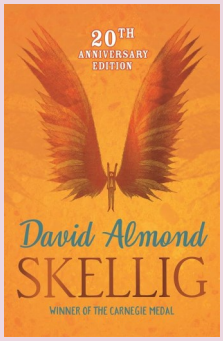
The children in Upper Key Stage Two had a fantastic start to the year last half term and we are really looking forward to what this half term brings.

Year 5 were busy with Bikeability and all made fantastic progress with road safety, earning their Level 1 and Level 2 certificates and badges - well done!

Most of our Year 6 pupils also spent an amazing, fun-filled three days away at the PGL residential. They really excelled at the activities which included trapeze, raft building, archery, rifle shooting and giant swing! They were incredibly tired by the end of the week!

What are we learning about this term?

We're excited to continue our theme for this half term that is linked to the book: **Skellig by David Almond**.



In English, we will be learning about fronted adverbials, parenthesis and apostrophes, and will be applying this to our writing. We will write a poem linked to Remembrance Day, a character description and look at some non-fiction texts which link to geography.

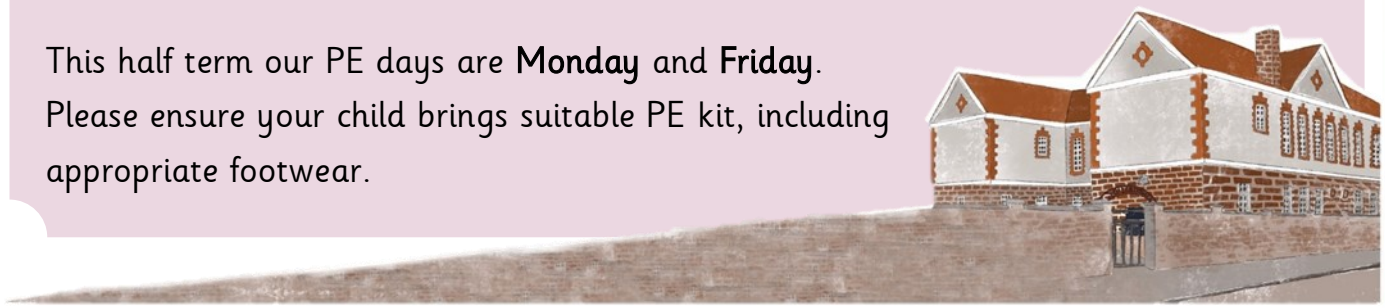
In Art, we will be learning about Ancient Greek pottery and the tools used to create patterns. We will each design and create our own Greek-inspired vase.

What can I do at home to help my child?

In Years 5 and 6, your weekly homework will include:

- Six spellings to learn (tested every Friday).
- Three reads.
- Access TTRockstars for at least 15 minutes a week.

This half term our PE days are **Monday** and **Friday**.
Please ensure your child brings suitable PE kit, including appropriate footwear.



General reminders

Please make sure your child brings everything they need for the day, this includes:

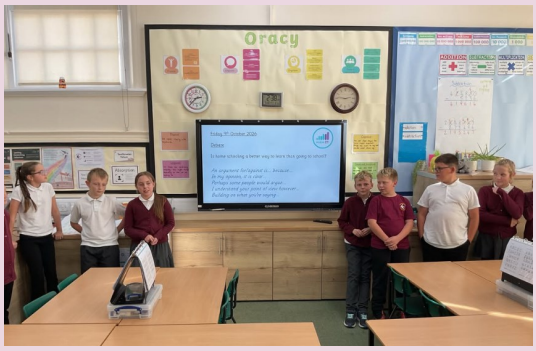
- A water bottle.
- An appropriate coat (possibly a hat, scarf and gloves for colder weather).
- Reading record.

Please note: toys are not allowed in school, please make sure your child does not bring these in.

Oracy

We have worked very hard on our Oracy skills, so far, this year. We have performed poetry and taken part in debates and discussions.





Dates for Your Diary

Monday 2nd November:	School re-opens after half term break
Thursday 12th November:	Flu vaccine catch-up
Friday 13th November:	Children in Need day
Monday 16th November:	Anti-bullying week starts & Odd Socks Day
Friday 27th November:	School nurses in - Year 5 & 6 growing up talks
Friday 4th December:	Hull Music Service Rock Ready Concert
Friday 18th December:	Last day of term before Christmas break.
Tuesday 5th January:	School re-opens for spring term.