



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 27th February, 2025

Years 5 and 6

## What did we learn about last half term?

Our focus for last half term in history was the Anglo-Saxons. Firstly, we looked at where the Anglo-Saxon period falls on a timeline in relation to the other periods of time that we have studied in previous year groups. After that, we researched and created fact files to explain different aspects of Anglo-Saxon life including: why they invaded Britain; where they settled; their homes; as well as looking at the lives of the rich and poor from that time period.

In art, we learned looked at the artist, Rembrandt. We used the primary colours to create a skin tone palette. Next, we used sketching skills to plan a portrait of a chosen celebrity, we looked specifically at the positioning of facial features. We then painted our sketches in the style of Rembrandt using natural tones. To end an amazing half term, we then got to show our final products off at the art exhibition!



## What are we learning this half term?

This half term, we will be reading 'A Planet Full of Plastic' by Neal Layton. We will be looking at the impact plastic has on our world as well as writing a setting description and a persuasive piece of writing. In geography, we will be studying coastal features and how these have changed over time. In DT, we will be looking at creating a lighthouse structure. As part of the structure, we will create an electrical circuit so that our lighthouse has a working light.

This half term, Year 6 have their residential trip to Whitby. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask!



## What Can You Do to Help at Home?

In Year 5/6, your weekly homework will include:

- Six spellings to learn (These will be given on a Friday and tested the following Friday).
- Three reads
- Access TT Rockstars for at least 15 minutes a week.

This half term our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.

## Attendance

Last term, our whole school attendance was 94%

Class attendance: Giraffes - 93% Pandas - 96% Rhinos - 93%

## Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (come to school dressed as an animal!)

Thursday 6th March - Year 5 East Park library visit (afternoon)

Friday 7th March - Year 5/6 Science Challenge Day

Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th March - Year 6 Whitby residential (Mr Kemp's group)

Wednesday 12th - Friday 14th March - Year 6 Whitby residential (Miss Reed's group)

Friday 14th March - Red Nose Day (wear something red!)

Monday 17th March - WOW Strider mascot visit

Monday 24th March - Year 5 Into University workshop

Wednesday 26th March - World Maths Day (dress as a rockstar day!)

Wednesday 2nd April - Gold ticket shop

Wednesday 2nd April - Inspire afternoon

Friday 4th April - School closes for Easter

Tuesday 22nd April - School reopens after Easter