

Penguin 🐧 Readers

Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Thursday 11th September, 2025

Years 5 and 6

Welcome Back!

The children in Upper Key Stage Two have made a fantastic start to the year and we are really proud of how quickly they have settled and the learning that has taken place already.

All of the children have returned to school looking smart in their uniforms and have shown that they are ready for the challenges of their new year group. They've been taking pride in their work and have enjoyed starting their subjects.

Across the school year, your child will have the opportunity to bring home their class mascot (Rocky, Oreo and Jaffa - can you spot the theme?) to spend the weekend with you! Please support your child when documenting their adventures with their mascot so they can share them with the rest of the class.

Year 6 have already had a busy start to the term with their week working with Into University (including a trip to the National Railway Museum in York and to Hull University) and they are looking forward to their PGL residential later this month!

What we are learning this half term

We're excited to start our new theme for this half term that is linked to the book:

Pig Heart Boy by Malorie Blackman.

In English, we will be learning to punctuate speech correctly, use a variety of fronted adverbials and sentence starters and explore language. We will write a balanced argument and a narrative.

In Art, we will be learning about the difference between a mural and graffiti. We will focus on street art and look at the work of Banksy before designing and

creating our own piece of artwork based on the street art we have looked at.

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 TTRockstars for at least 15 minutes a week.

This half term our <u>PE days</u> are <u>Thursday and Friday</u>.

Dates for Your Diary

Mon 8th - Fri 12th September: Year 6 Into University FOCUS Week

Wednesday 17th September: Nasal Flu Vaccines

Thu 18th & Fri 19th September: Year 5 Bikeability - Group 1 (all day)

Mon 22nd - Wed 24th September: Year 5 Bikeability - Group 2 (mornings only)

Wed 24th - Fri 26th September: Year 6 PGL Residential

Thu 25th & Fri 26th September: Year 5 Bikeability - Group 3 (all day)

Thursday 2nd October: National Poetry Day

Tue 7th & Wed 8th October: Parents' Evening 3:30 - 6pm

(more details to follow)

Thursday 23rd October: Halloween Disco (more details to follow)

Friday 24th October: Years 5 & 6 Future First (Hull College) visitors

Friday 24th October: Last day before half-term break

Mon 27th - Fri 31st October: Half-term holiday

Monday 3rd November: School re-opens after half-term break