



# Southcoates Primary Academy Newsletter

Tuesday 16th January, 2024

Years 5 and 6

## What were Years 5 and 6 learning in Autumn 2?

Last half term, we looked at transmigration and the reasons people migrate to different countries. We learnt about the routes that were used by people who migrated in the past and tracked their journeys from their home country, through Hull and on to their destination country. We also looked at how Hull developed over time and how land use patterns changed.



In design and technology, we designed and built a model vehicle with moving parts - we found this tricky but used our prior knowledge of electrical circuits from our science topic in Autumn 1.

The week before the holiday was Festive Week - we enjoyed 'inspire' afternoon, made Christingles, performed in the Carol concert, had a party, watched Magic Carpet and the annual talent show!

## Spring 1 - Kings and Queens: The Elizabethans

In English, we will be reading 'Romeo and Juliet' - William Shakespeare's play about two feuding families, love and loss. We will be researching William Shakespeare's life and legacy to produce a biography. We will also be looking at Shakespeare's poetry and writing one of our own poems.

In history, we will learn about Elizabethan life and monarchy. We will be researching the life of Elizabeth I and presenting our findings using computing skills that we have previously learnt. We will then compare the Elizabethan monarchy to the monarchy today.

In design and technology, we will be practicing our sewing skills whilst making a mask for an Elizabethan masquerade ball using a blanket stitch.



### How you can help at home:

- Please listen to your child read their reading book at least three times a week. To support your child's comprehension, ask them to summarise the text and answer questions. Can they justify their answers by using evidence from the text?
- Please make sure your child is practising correct letter formation and joining their handwriting in their English homework book.
- Please make sure that your child is practising correct number formation in their maths homework book.
- Please label your child's uniform, coat and PE kit with their full name.
- The PE days are Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor). Please ensure your child has a suitable PE kit (joggers, tracksuit bottoms and a warm jumper/hoodie/tracksuit top) as the weather is getting colder and PE will still be outside.

### Dates for Your Diary

Every Tuesday:	Rackets Cubed sessions for Dolphins Class. Stay and Read sessions for Reception.
W.B. Monday 5th February:	E-Safety Week.
Tuesday 6th February:	Safer Internet Day.
Wednesday 7th February:	STEM Exhibition (after school, for all families).
Friday 9th February:	Last day of the half term.

### **Half Term Holiday.**

Monday 19th February:	Return to school after the half term holiday.
Wednesday 6th March and Thursday 7th March:	Parents' evenings.
Friday 15th March:	Red Nose Day.
Thursday 21st March:	Y3/4 Easter Performance at St. Aidan's Church.
Friday 22nd March:	Gold Ticket Shop and Inspire Afternoon.
Friday 22nd March:	Last day of the half term.

### **Easter Holiday.**

Tuesday 9th April:	Return to school after the Easter holiday.
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