



# Year 5/6 Autumn 1 Newsletter

Burton Joyce Primary School  
What will happen when all of the natural resources run out?

## Autumn Term

Welcome back everybody! Our Year 5 children are making the big step up into the top phase of our school and our Year 6's are now officially the eldest children and Burton Joyce Primary role models! We will offer you a brief overview of our curriculum coverage for the autumn term.

### English:

Whilst we will cover numerous genres of reading and writing over the half-term, arguably the standout work will orientate around a study of persuasive texts and poetry. The children will be exposed to numerous texts, we will unpick the qualities and structures in each of them and provide the children with the platform to produce high quality work of their own. As part of our English lessons, the children will continue to develop their grammatical knowledge. Whilst this is essential preparation for the Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPaG) SATs tests (for Year 6's), these sessions should also have a significant impact on the children's writing.

### Reading:

Teachers have already read with all pupils to ensure they are reading books with an appropriate level of challenge. At home, we are setting the children the task of reading at least 3 times per week (one of which should be with an adult). The children know how to record this in their Planners. If they achieve this weekly reading target, their class teacher will sign their 'Reading Reward Chart' (in Planners) and this will contribute towards their 'Homework Menu'.

### Maths:

Over the half-term, we will explore various units of work, which orientate around the White Rose scheme of work. The Year 5 pupils will develop their understanding of place value, addition and subtraction and statistics, whilst the Year 6 pupils will focus on place value and the four calculations.

### ICT:

We will spend time re-enforcing the children's e-safety awareness and developing their understanding and ability to produce their own coding.

### Science:

Our focus will be on the topic of 'Light' and include a study of how light travels and how we see things.

### Geography:

Our umbrella topic is 'What will happen when all of the natural resources run out?'. This will include exploration of what the natural resources on Earth are and what we use them for.

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#### Reminder 1

All jumpers / school hoodies need to be clearly named as we have already amassed a number of unnamed items of clothing.

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#### Reminder 2

Children MUST have their water bottles and coats with them in school every day.

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#### Reminder 3

PE will be outside whenever possible, please send children with suitable PE clothing and outdoor trainers

**R.E.:**

We will delve into a unit entitled 'Investigating Religions and Respect'.

**Art & design and technology:**

Our time will be spent exploring nature and sculpture, through the works of Andy Goldsworthy.

**French:**

The children will enjoy a unit entitled 'Sortir Diner' (eating out).

**Music:**

Children will be focusing on composition and listening through the medium of African drumming.

**P.S.H.E.:** Our first half term is spent looking at a unit called 'Being Me In My World', which has logical ties to our umbrella topic.

**P.E.:** Whilst P.E. is planned to take place on Tuesdays and Fridays, children must have their full P.E. kit in school EVERY DAY, as plans can change at very short notice.

Below are a few other key pieces of information that parents and children will need to be aware of this half-term:

Parents will get an opportunity to meet their child's class teacher on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September (more information to follow).

This half term, children will receive a Homework Menu, which will include both must-do and optional tasks. These will include tasks to be completed using technology and apps. The Homework Menu will be submitted to children via Teams and they are to return their work via Teams too. Reminders of children's Teams log-in details will be sent home shortly.

Each week, spellings will be glued into Planners and tests are timetabled to take place on Fridays.

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