Nacton C of E Primary School

Half Termly Newsletter

Year 5 and Year 6 – Autumn 1 2025

Dear families,

We hope you have had an amazing summer! Welcome to the first half term of the new year! We are very excited to have the children back and to get all the amazing learning underway!

Below you will find an overview of our curriculum this half term and what we will be learning in each subject. If you have any questions, please do come and speak to your class teacher.

We would like to thank you for your continued support and engagement with your child's learning.

Team Nacton

English Our English work this half term will be based on the book 'A Diver's Daughter'. This is a novel set in Tudor England. The children will be writing a third person narrative and an information piece.	**Maths** Our maths units of learning this half term are place value, addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.	**Science** Our focus in science is forces. This includes exploring gravity, air and water resistance, friction, levers and pulleys and gears.
History In history, we will be learning about The Tudors. This includes looking at key events in Tudor history, studying Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, exploring what life was like as a rich and poor Tudor and Tudor exploration.	**Computing** In computing, we will be learning all about systems and networks, including how information is shared across devices, explaining input, output and process aspects, and how information is found on the World Wide Web.	**Art** Our focus in art is painting. We will be exploring and reviewing the works of Chirs Ofili and Patrick Heron, and producing pieces of work based on these, focusing on layering.
Religious Education In RE, we learning about Christianity, answering the enquiry question '*How do Christians show their belief that Jesus is God incarnate?*'.	**Physical Education** PE this half term includes hockey, working on passing, dribbling, shooting and tackling, and fitness; learning how to stay fit and different types of fitness training.	**PSHE** Children will be learning about families and relationships. This includes the effects that bullying might have, identifying ways to challenge stereotypes and exploring our positive attributes and being proud of these.
Music In music, Mr Watson (our guitar teacher) will be teaching the children a range techniques on the guitar, and introducing them to play a range of songs.	**French** Our unit in French this term is 'Ici et là.' We will be learning about different leisure places to visit (cinema, swimming pool) and learning to read and write French sentences.	**Online Safety** We will be learning about self-image and identity can be different online than in person, and how to keep identity and self-image safe.

Important dates:	Home learning expectations:
Wednesday 3rd September – Pupils return Monday 15th September – Annual meet the headteacher Thursday 16th October – Individual School Photos Thursday 23rd October – **Year 6 only** trip to Crucial Crew.	**Year 5** Times table Rockstars: 15 minutes on garage per week. This will be set on Fridays for the following Fridays. Spelling Shed: 8 games of spelling shed. This will be set on Fridays for the following Friday. Homework: One piece of homework each week, varying in reading, writing, maths and research based on one of our foundation subjects. This will be set on Wednesdays for the following Wednesday. **Year 6** One topic of Maths and English completed per week on yearsix.co.uk. This is set on Wednesdays and must be completed by the following Wednesday. Times table Rockstars: 5 minutes on garage per week. This will be set on Fridays for the following Fridays. Spelling Shed: 5 games of spelling shed. This will be set on Fridays for the following Friday.