



# Year 5 Newsletter



## Topic

Our current topic is 'Feeling Groovy'. We have been researching, discussing and learning about all the exciting things that happened in the 1960's. We have explored the range of different fashions, including what hippies, mods and rockers wore. In addition, we have started to learn about famous iconic figures from the decade including Twiggy, Dr Martin Luther King, Andy Warhol, as well as famous musicians like The Beatles. This relates to the family homework, we would like to children to create leaflet or power point presentation based on a 1960's celebrity through half term.

The children are currently designing and making their own 1960s headbands, developing their sewing skills. They will also be creating their own tie-dyed t-shirt.

We have worked with Mr O'Hare, to learn and perform some popular songs, from that time, written by the Beatles and the Rolling Stones. We would like to invite you in, on Wednesday 5th December, to watch our variety show, containing singing, interviews and a fashion parade which will be set in the 1960's! (More information will follow).

## Maths

This term both classes have focused on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In year 5, we are focusing on drawing diagrams to prove and explain our understanding. It is important that your child can use a range of different methods to calculate answers and the focus does not have to be on written methods. We will be spending time trying to prove statements true or false, looking for patterns and solving problems using a range of equipment, pictures and calculations.

## Writing

This term we have had many opportunities to write in a variety of styles. We have looked at balanced arguments based on the different clothes teenagers wanted to wear. We have also developed our persuasion skills, writing letters to factory bosses to persuade them that women deserve the same wages as men. Children will be researching and completing biographies on famous icons of the 1960's (family homework).

## PE

PE will take place on a Friday afternoon each week. The kit required consists of a plain white or blue t- shirt and navy blue or black shorts. Please be aware that PE sessions will still be outside weather permitting. Therefore, it is vitally important that your child has a pair of trainers, a plain navy or black zipped top without a hood and plain bottoms or a plain dark tracksuit. We have very limited spare kit available so please ensure that your child's kit is in school every week.

## Swimming

Swimming will continue this half term and the classes will alternate each week to walk to Armthorpe Leisure Centre. Children will need to bring in their own swimming kit. Girls are required to bring a plain swimming costume (no bikinis) and a towel. Boys are required to bring plain trunks and a towel. Goggles are optional.



Thank you for your continued support.  
Mrs Brewster and Mr McMahon

