

Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter 2022

Welcome back for 2022! We had a great first term and I hope you enjoyed the children's Christmas performance at the church on the last day of term. Please do remember that we are keeping windows open each day (although we did have to shut the skylights when hailstones came flying in last week!), so it can be cold in the classroom. Children are allowed to wear their grey hoodie over their green jumper in the classroom and of course should have a coat for when they are outside.

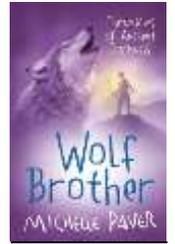
Topic

We begin this term with the history topic all about the Victorian Industrial Era. We will be thinking about how and why British cities changed, the differences in the lives of the rich and the poor, and the effects of significant Victorians.

After half-term, we will move on to Geography, when we will be studying the topic: Where do our resources come from?

Reading

We have just started our new class book: *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver. Each time we read in school, I will aim to make an audio recording and upload it to the Reading channel in Teams. This means that anyone who is absent can catch up, or if your child would like to listen again, then they can do so.



HOMEWORK: Please continue to sign your child's reading record every time they read at home, thank you. Reading books/records should be in school each day.

Spellings

HOMEWORK: Words are set with a test for the children to complete each week on SpellingFrame, running Sunday to Sunday. Please continue to copy out the words and write sentences in the little orange Spelling book at home.

English

This half-term we are reading a range of poems and examining various poetic devices to help us in creating our own poems. Our non-fiction theme this term will be persuasive writing. After half-term we will be reading some stories and extracts from well-known children's writers, based around a short story by Jeremy Strong. We will also be looking at biographies and autobiographies of some children's authors, before writing one of our own.

Maths

This term we will be:

*practising the formal multiplication method (for multiplying any two whole numbers)

*learning the formal method for division

*learning about fractions: converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions, finding equivalent fractions, adding/subtracting/multiplying fractions and finding fractions of amounts!

*learning about angles: recognising/naming angles, measuring angles with a protractor, calculating angles on straight lines and around a point

It is really important that the children continue to practise their times tables regularly on TT Rockstars or MathsFrame.

HOMEWORK: Every two weeks there will be a maths video and an assignment on Teams: Fridays, 14th Jan, 28th Jan, 11th Feb, 4th Mar, 18th Mar, 1st Apr.

<i>Other subjects</i>	<i>1st half term</i>	<i>2nd half term</i>
Science Mrs Bayley	Animal processes & life cycles Separating mixtures	Reversible/irreversible changes Resistance
Music Miss Farmer	Rhythms and music from South and West Africa	
PSHE Mrs Hewitson	Keeping Myself Safe	Rights & Responsibilities
Computing Mr Goodman	Fusing geometry and art	Cyber safety
PE Mr Bulbeck	Gymnastics	Team-building
DT / Art Mrs Brooker	DT: Mechanisms: pulleys and gears	Art: Exploring/recreating textures with clay
RE Mrs Brooker	Judaism	
French Mrs Hiscox	Body parts	Daily routine
Sport / FS Mrs Churchill	Children will rotate every two weeks to take part in: Forest School, Netball, Tag Rugby	

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Hewitson
Hazel Class