



Year 5 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

In Year 5, we will be starting the year with the topic 'Beast Creator'. This will involve the children learning about different species of insects and how they live in the environment. This topic will have a science focus and will see the children using a range of different scientific skills.

In an exciting start to the new school year, children have participated in an 'Aspiration Week'. This has involved the children meeting a range of people, who have shared their lives and ambitions they have been able to achieve. Some of our guests have included, Commonwealth Medalist Craig Heap, published author Gabrielle Kent and Speedway Champion Gary Havelock. Then we looked at the children's own dreams and aspirations and discussed how we can achieve them. Their aspirations were amazing to see!

As a school, we have launched a new home reading initiative - Read for the Stars. This involves the children reading at home and working their way to the sun to receive a reward from Mr Hodgson!



PE

Children have one weekly PE lesson and a daily activity called - Wake Up Shake Up. This will happen at the start of the school day and has proven to improve both physical and mental health, and boost attainment.

PE is on Thursdays for both Year 5 classes. Please ensure that children bring correct kit every week. PE kit is a plain green t-shirt and plain shorts or joggers. Earrings must be removed for PE.



Home Learning

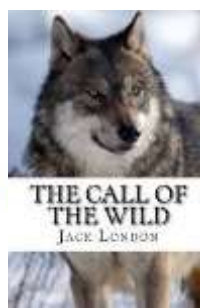
Reading will form a large part of home learning in Year 5. Children are expected to read at least 5 times a week (remember this will count towards your reading rocket challenge!)

Children will also receive spellings and times tables/number facts to learn and consolidate.

In addition, we will also send home a project that will link to our current topic which will span over the half term. Children can then complete this task at their own pace.

Chromebooks

Please could all parents remind their child to bring their each day (**fully charged**) so they can be used to support **Safety and appropriate usage of the internet is of the us all**. Therefore, we encourage parents and carers to



chromebook to school the learning in class. **E-utmost importance to continue to be highly**

vigilant when the children are using chromebooks and other devices at home. Children are taught, through assemblies and within the Computing curriculum, to recognise that they are responsible for their own 'digital footprint'. ***Suggested websites for children to access at home: Times Tables Rockstars, Reading Plus, Google Drive, Lexia Core 5, 'Hit the Button' (Maths), DKfindout, Kiddle.***

Thankyou,
Mrs Smith, Mrs McLean and Mrs Parker