



## Year 5 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope that you have had a relaxing and enjoyable time off and are ready to start the New Year. To start off the Spring Term, we are participating in a 2 week topic to explore the life of Douglas Bader - who our school is named after. We will be learning about his time during the war and how he showed determination to excel in what he loved. The children are all very interested in his achievements and loved watching the film based upon his life, 'Reach for the Sky'!



As the Spring Term continues, our topic will then move to 'Revolution'. This topic explores the Victorian Era and will involve us learning about Victorian lives, clothing, food, housing and crime. The children will have the opportunity to look at various different historical sources to further their understanding of Victorian life.

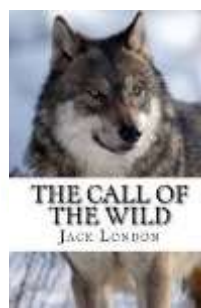
Our whole school reading scheme is now fully running in the Year 5 classrooms, children are working their way through the planets to reach the Sun! It is important that children read at home and bring their reading records to school every day to move their rockets through the planets. Some children are very close to reaching the Sun and receiving their reward from Mr Hodgson, keep up the reading!



### PE

Children have one weekly PE lesson and a daily activity - this could be 'Wake Up Shake Up' or 'Just Dance'. 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 (studded) **must be removed** for PE.



## **Home Learning**

Reading at home, spellings & learning times tables are the main focus for the home learning the children receive in Year 5. Children should be reading at least 5 times a week in Year 5, this will help them with all of their learning during the school day.

Children will also bring home spellings to learn on a Monday night, they will then be tested on a Friday. These spellings will focus on a different spelling rule each week.

As times tables knowledge forms a key role in many mathematical concepts, it is important that children learn times tables facts up to 12x12 fluently. We would like to encourage you to support your child in learning these facts at home on a regular basis.

Thank you for your continued support  
Mrs Smith, Mrs McLean and Mrs Parker