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Year 5 Spring 1 2020 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and 'Happy New Year'. After a super first term, we start the New Year by finding the answer to the question - 'What is the Circle of Life?' The topic will include weekly questions, which we will answer with the week's learning. An overview of our questions, English, Maths and Jigsaw (PSHE) coverage has been provided to inform you about our intended learning.

The Key Knowledge Points (KKPs) for this topic are mainly science based, by the end of the topic the children will need to:

All living things and their habitats KKP

- Know the life cycle of different living things e.g. mammal, amphibian, insect and bird
- Know the differences between different life cycles
- Know the process of reproduction in plants
- Know the process of reproduction in animals

Animals, including humans KKP

- Create a timeline to indicate stages of growth in humans (knowledge and understanding of the different stages)

Area of learning	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
Challenge Curriculum	How does your garden grow?	Does the cycle ever end?	Are all lifecycles the same?	Are all lifecycles the same?	How do we grow? How do we change?	How long will it take?
English	Wind in the Willows	Wind in the Willows	Wind in the Willows	Wind in the Willows	Wind in the Willows	Wind in the Willows
Maths	Place Value & Roman Numerals	Addition, Subtraction and Rounding	Multiplication and Division	Measures: area	Geometry: reflection and translation	Geometry: regular and irregular shapes
Jigsaw	When I grow up (my dream lifestyle)	Investigate jobs and careers	My dream job. Why I want it and the steps to get there	Dreams and goals of young people in other cultures	Nurse Services (puberty education) TBC	How can we support each other (Piece 5) and Rallying support
Additional equipment/ events				Math-Fest (Tuesday) Parent D&T Workshop (Thursday)		



Home learning will continue to be the same as in Autumn. Children will be expected to: read regularly and have their diaries signed; complete their weekly times tables practice and have a go on TT Rockstars; and complete their weekly spellings and spelling puzzle. Further focused work may be provided if necessary and extra work will always be available if the children, or yourselves, request it. Spellings will be given out on a Monday morning and will need to be returned on a Friday. Times tables books and Reading diaries also need to be returned on a Friday, but these will be given back out at the end of a day on a Friday.

As mentioned above, we expect that pupils will continue to read regularly at home and keep a record in their home/school diary. We would be grateful if you could support your child by listening to them read, discussing the book and recording your comments about their reading in their diary. We ask pupils to read at home a minimum of three times per week - how close can the children get to becoming word Millionaires this year?

Pupils will need both an indoor and outdoor kit available in school, for PE sessions this half term. An indoor kit consists of an appropriately coloured team t-shirt, navy or black shorts and pumps; an outdoor kit should include trainers, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and a sweater. It is important that all children have the correct kit in school and that each item is labelled with their name.

Everyone is expected to take part in PE sessions and a note from a parent is required from anyone unable to take part, due to medical grounds.

As ever, we appreciate your support, if there is anything at all that you wish to discuss, please pop in for a chat or give us a call.

Many Thanks,

Mr L. Facey, Mrs R. Davies, Mrs K. Forrester and Mrs C. Tuck.

Important dates:

- 30th January - Parents' workshop 1:15 - 3 PM
- 22nd May - Warner Brothers Studios Visit

