

Year 5 Summer 1 Term Curriculum

It has been such a great year so far, and the teachers are so impressed with all the children's enthusiasm towards their learning. The teachers have been absolutely blown away by the children's dedication towards their **Shackleton Production**. We really enjoyed our survival workshop, particularly when trying to light a fire with a steel and flint and enjoying a yummy toasted marshmallow! We cannot wait to begin our learning again after Easter! Enjoy your break.

Summer 1 Curriculum –The Power of Water

Next half term we will be learning all about the power of water and how important it is around the world. During this topic, there will be a focus on Geography and we will look closely at different rivers around the world and the features that make up a river. The children will also be attending **Beaulieu** to have a closer look at a river and its features.

As part of the water theme, we will also be looking at the charity 'Water Aid' and what is being done to help those who don't have easy access to fresh, clean water. Towards the end of term we will be setting up and running our own fair to help raise money for water aid. Our Water Aid Fair will be held on the field on **Wednesday 22nd May** this will be open to the rest of the school during the afternoon and it will be open at **2:30pm** to parents and carers.

For our literacy journey, we will be writing short narrative stories to raise awareness of children without clean water and also writing information texts about the life of a river. We will also be looking at life cycles in our science learning and focusing on measurements in our maths.

Library Times

Year 5's library time is on a Tuesday. Children are encouraged to bring their library book in and swap them.

The library is also open until **4pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.**

Homework

READING –We have already been very impressed with the amount of planners we are seeing filled in with reading reflections! Please keep it up as teachers are checking regularly. We expect the children to be reading x5 a week with two of these being detailed reading reflections.

At the end of the term, we reward children who **bring their planners in regularly** and keep on top of the detailed reading reflections.

SPELLINGS – Curriculum words (listed below) have already been sent home. Please encourage the children to learn these spellings throughout the next few weeks ready for a test in the final week of the half term. Please also ask the children which spelling rule they are focusing on each week in their spelling lessons, as they are important to learn too!

Homework –

Keep encouraging the children to complete their TT Rockstars, as we have already seen a massive improvement already this year! The teachers will be checking TT Rockstars every week and handing out paper copies to any children who have not completed it or do not have access to a computer at home.

Keep an eye out for any '**Battle of the Bands**' games in which the children will be going head to head against another class within the school!

Key dates for Y5 in Summer 1

Tuesday 30th April: Arctic Foxes and Half of Arctic Wolves- Beaulieu Trip

Thursday 2nd May: Snow Leopards and other half of Arctic Wolves- Beaulieu Trip

Tuesday 7th May- Performance Workshops with Solent Creatives.

Monday 13th May- Filming for Telethon begins (2 weeks)

Wednesday 22nd May- Water Aid Fair at School

Summer 1 Curriculum Spellings

The children will be tested on these during the last week of half term.

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variety category achieve explanation leisure

Filming outcome with Solent University

For our topic this half term, we will be working closely with the creative team at Solent University. The University will be visiting the school with their filming equipment to record a show linked with their current topic in which the Year 5 children will have created.

The show will take the form of a Telethon and will feature presenters, special guests and showcase some of the children's topic learning from this half term. There will also be opportunity for those children who do not feel confident with a speaking part, to be part of the backstage crew either focusing on sound, camera work or the scripts.

The University will also be coming in to run some performance workshops with our children to help them build confidence in front of the camera prior to filming their year 5 show.

We are so lucky to be given this opportunity and we can't wait to get started!

Easter Holiday Homework

Over the Easter break, we want the children to research a famous river! With your research, you could discover;

- Where it is, and any famous geography or landmarks along the river.
- The history of the river—did it have a certain purpose for previous civilisations?
- Modern day—how is it used now?
- Facts and figures about the river.

You could create a poster, power point presentation, fact file, or a piece of art. We just want you to be as creative as possible!

Thank you again for your continued support.

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