

Year 5 Spring 1 Term Curriculum

With one term finished already, the Year 5 teachers are still thoroughly impressed with the children's attitudes and enthusiasm towards their learning. The children and teachers particularly enjoyed our CSI investigation into the missing house cup. The children demonstrated some fantastic science skills throughout by planning fair tests, conducting experiments and analysing results. We also had a lot of fun during our Space topic, where the children were very excited about plotting the moons phases! We cannot wait to start more exciting topics in Spring!

Spring 2 Curriculum –The Savage

This half term we will be basing our topic around a graphic novel called 'The Savage' by David Almond. During this topic we will look closely at the relationship between the main characters and get the children to explore the feelings and emotions that run through the book. We will also be looking at the illustrations that run through the Savage book and have a go at creating our own using water colours! We are looking forward to seeing their creative masterpieces!

We will be working hard this half term on our narrative writing, getting the children to focus on ambitious vocabulary to describe settings and characters. Towards the end of the topic, the children will be creating their own 'Lost Chapter' from the book using all their fantastic writing skills they have learnt this year.

Throughout the topic, the children will be placing most of their written work and artwork into their own 'Savage Scrapbook', which will be showcased at a parent drop in during the Date??

The teachers are all really excited to start reading and learning all about The Savage with the children!

Swimming

Swimming will start for **Orcas** next half term and will be running for 6 weeks. Just a reminder that the children will need:

Swimming costume, towel and goggles.

As we are walking, please ensure they are dressed in warm clothing.

Homework Reminder

Each week the children will be set times table homework which will always be online on Times Table Rock stars. The times tables that the children practise will be the same as their Big Maths Beat That.

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!

The children's username and password is noted in their planners.

<https://trockstars.com/login>

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.

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

Spring 1 Curriculum Spellings

foreign language aggressive bruise harass
disastrous hindrance determined recognise frequently

These can also be found in the children's planners.

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

PE

Outdoor Games: Tuesday Beluga Whales and Seals (all classes)

Indoor P.E: Wednesday (Orcas Wednesday AM and Seal and Belugas Wednesday PM)

Orcas- Swimming Tuesday PM

P.E. Kit- Please ensure that all children have a white coloured T- Shirt and black shorts; alternatively, they may wear a plain coloured T-Shirt representing their house colour. It is crucial that children have a lightweight rain jacket and warm clothing as Thursday's lessons are outdoors. Long hair must always be tied up and all jewellery must be removed. If earrings cannot be removed, then they must be taped.

If children do not have their P.E. kit with them regularly, a letter will be sent home.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 5 Team

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