

Year 5 Newsletter

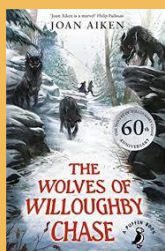
We have lots of exciting learning and activities lined up for you this term and we can't wait to share them with you. If you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff from Year 5. We are always happy to help.



This term we will start by focusing on the text 'Wolves of Willoughby Chase' by Joan Aiken. We will be looking at writing a setting description, which will then lead nicely into our story writing based on our class book.

Key Vocabulary

Crenellated ettling blunderbust taper
kindling posset pelisse tension suspense
figurative language



Mathematics

This half term, we are finishing our addition and subtraction topic and starting our multiplication and division topic. We will look into prime numbers, square numbers, cube numbers and common multiples.

Towards the end of the half term we will starting our fractions topic. Within this we will be, converting, comparing, ordering and adding/subtracting fractions.

Key vocabulary

Compare order subtract multiple
common multiple factor product.



SCIENCE

This term in Science our topic is 'Life Cycles'.

In this topic, the children will describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird and describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Key Vocabulary:

Metamorphosis fertilisation mammal
Arthropod spawn lava pupa



Reading

This year we will launching our Accelerated Reader lessons. Your child will bring home a book that matches their ZPD. Once they have finished reading their book, they will have many opportunities in class to complete a quiz linking to the book. They will be given a score and percentage, in which I will present each week in our Accelerated Reader lessons and the children have opportunities to gain achievements points for their super reading and quiz scores.

Your child has been given a reading record, in which they need to record what they have read at home, when, who to and their thoughts, these will be checked regularly by adults in class.



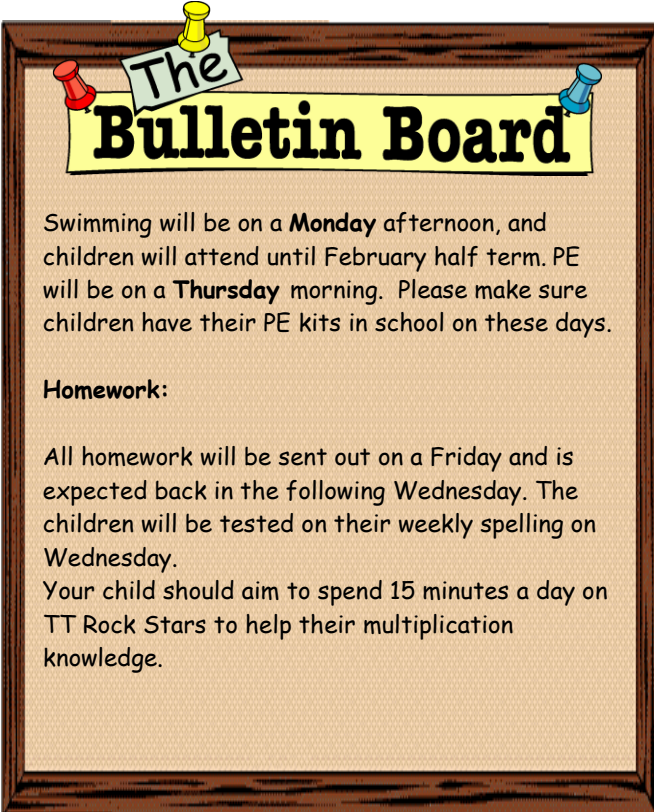
Other Curriculum Areas

PE - In PE this term, we will be learning to improve our dance skills.

PSHE - In PSHE this term, our topic is 'What might I do in the future?' Children will be able to identify what employment is and identify the different types, describe and explore a range of different careers and apply knowledge of employment and career to decide what they would like to do.

Computing - In computing this term, we will be looking at creating media - video production. Children will understand how to record video by combining different filming techniques, recognise that different camera angles achieve different effects and that these should be selected to match the filming technique being used and edit a video using a variety of tools including: remove and delete, trim, split, undo and reorder.

D.T - In D.T this term, we will be looking at creating a Rube Goldberg Machine. We will explore gears, pulleys and levers to support with our construction.




The Bulletin Board

Swimming will be on a **Monday** afternoon, and children will attend until February half term. PE will be on a **Thursday** morning. Please make sure children have their PE kits in school on these days.

Homework:

All homework will be sent out on a Friday and is expected back in the following Wednesday. The children will be tested on their weekly spelling on Wednesday.

Your child should aim to spend 15 minutes a day on TT Rock Stars to help their multiplication knowledge.



IMPORTANT DATES