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Year 5 Newsletter

September 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome back, I hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready to start school again.

Topic work this Term

Our topic this term is called 'Last chance to see'. We will be learning about the different species of animal that live in our country, the dangers they face and how we can best protect them. We will be comparing these animals in our country to other environments around the globe. We will examine the differences and similarities in the difficulties they face. This topic will also give us the opportunity to place some trap cameras around the school ground so we can observe the animals in our local area.

Maths This term we will be looking at place value and working with numbers up to one million. You can help your child with this by getting them to order large numbers or testing them on the value of the digits within a large number.

English This term we will be reading *Stormbreaker*. This is an exciting fast paced book which the class will enjoy and it provides many opportunities to explore new vocabulary. The children will also be using our 'Last chance to see' topic to produce some descriptive writing of animals and the secret lives they might live. We will be taking influences from Roald Dahl's *Fantastic Mr Fox* and *The Animals of Farthing Wood*.

Computing Our focus this term is on E-Safely. We will learn about some of the dangers of using email, the internet and how we can best protect ourselves.

RE This term we will be studying world religions and discussing why people believe what they do. We will explore which parts of the world certain religions are practised most. We will also take a closer look at Islam and what Muslims believe.

Jigsaw Our theme this term is 'Being me in my world'. This topic is designed to strengthen relationships within the class and develop understanding of ourselves and each other.

PE We will be doing basketball on the school playground this term. I recommend wearing long jogging bottoms as the children will be staying in their PE kit for the whole day.

Timetable Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday. The children will have opportunities to change their reading books during the week.

Homework This year spelling lists will be sent home on a Monday. There will be a spelling test on a Friday most weeks. Please encourage your child to practise times tables for 30 minutes a week via 'TT Rock Stars' or any other way that works for your child.

Please support your child in reading regularly as this is so important in helping the children to progress in their learning. We recommend the children read for at least five minutes on four separate occasions.

Thank you for all your support.

Mr. Clee