



YEAR FIVE NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2

2023

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Dear Parents/Carers,
Welcome to the second half of the Spring term. The children in Year Five are continuing to work hard across the curriculum. This newsletter provides information for you for this term.
Mr McCance teaches Year Five every Thursday. Mrs Race supports children in Year Five, in whole class lessons and in group tasks.

Remember your water bottle daily!



Literacy - This half term's literacy book stimulus is: 'The Promise' by Nicola Davies. We are currently working on a narrative focus, which will be followed by non-fiction work linked to the text. Thank you for your contributions of boxes. We now have a city, just like the one in the book which has been transformed with colour!
The children and teachers are proud of their writing progress. We have a writing wall which showcases individual writing pieces. We are also continuing to focus on best handwriting and presentation.

Curriculum
This term we have continued with our geography topic: **Sow, Grow and Farm**, where we will be learning about food miles and how food is transported. Children will explore what is needed to set up a market gardening business. They will create a proposal for the market garden, which considers all the factors that are important for successfully growing, distributing and selling produce.
DT—This project teaches children about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating, including food preparation and cooking techniques.
Science: Properties and Materials Children will learn about thermal conductivity, how to measure changes in temperature and they will have the opportunity to test thermal insulators.
ART The children will work outdoors to sketch natural forms and explore natural materials before working collaboratively to create sculptures in the woodland area.
Big Stone Walk - Thursday 30th March 2023
Further information will be provided nearer the time.

Reading
Children bring home any book from the shelf which interests them, to read/share at home. We are continuing to use the reading program: 'Reading Plus'. Pupils can complete tasks at home as well as in school, using their Login and password. The focused reading work takes place during guided reading sessions.



Home Learning
We share and celebrate the children's work every Friday. It is a pleasure to see how the children present their wonderful ideas. New home learning tasks are then set for the following week.

Forest School sessions
These will take place weekly (every Wednesday morning). Please send your child in with wellies and extra layers of clothes on that day in case it is muddy and cold - thank you. The children have so far shown great enthusiasm and have enjoyed a variety of outdoor activities, demonstrating good teamwork skills. We have some amazing bird boxes which the children have made-it is great to see their creative talent.



Children in Year Five will participate in swimming lessons up to Easter. Children will need a swimming kit in school every Monday. Our PE lessons take place on **Tuesday** afternoons this year. Please remove earrings on P.E. days. This half-term Mrs Fisher is focusing on rounders.



British Science Week 13th–19th March. The theme is 'connections'. Children will be visiting the Torrs during the week to observe the bridges and their structures. Following this, their task will be to design and build the strongest bridge. During the science week, we will also carry out further science investigations. We will share photos!
R.E. Day Wednesday 15th March - Our theme is the Jewish festival of Passover.

Class Recognition Wall
We are trialling this in school. The children choose a class target to work towards; the objective being all children get their names on the wall when their hard work/positive behaviour is recognised by an adult. It is proving successful and the children are helping each other. Great team work Year Five! Children have also been earning plenty of signatures and raffle tickets for working hard.

If you have any questions please feel free to message me on Class Dojo or email k.arnfield@newmills-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk.
Many thanks for your continued support. Kirsty Arnfield