

YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2017



Our topic this half term is
'Beast Creator'

Below is an overview of what we will be learning over the next half term.

English

We are making a huge effort with our writing again this half term. We will be writing non-chronological reports, that will include research that we find and detail about minibeasts.

We will also be working on speech and how to apply it within a different variety of writing frames such as comic strips.

Maths

In Maths we will focus again this half term on number. We will be focusing on multiplication and division. We will have a big push on explaining answers; using the correct mathematical vocabulary. We will work on word problems in sessions and use our Maths displays to help us identify key information to help us to work it out. Later in the half term we will also look at statistics and work on being able to compare and interpret information from data and graphs.

Important Information

Reading -It is extremely important that children are reading regularly to support their learning. **Children must read a minimum of 5 times per week.** Please sign your child's reading diary each time they have read. **There will be prizes for the most times read over the half term.**

Homework - homework grids will be sent home. **Books must be in school every Wednesday for marking and to be kept up to date.**

Welcome back after our short break. We are going to be extremely busy in the run up to Christmas and we hope that you are all ready for some challenging work!

For the first week of this half term we will be learning about WW1 and Remembrance Day.

Science

In our Science lessons we will be looking at living things and their habitats, which will link with our 'Beast Creator' topic. We will look at animal life cycles, animal habitats and plant reproduction. We will focus on our ability to categorise and plan and conduct experiments.

Topic

During creative lessons we will look at spectacular insects and their distribution across the globe and how they adapt to their climates, which will take a Geography focus. We will also look at different artists and have a go at completing detailed drawings and sketches of creatures, as well as building 3D models.

ICT

We will use our computer skills to help us research about minibeasts safely using the internet. We will also continue to work on our Rising Star unit 5.1, where we become game developers. We will use our design plans that we produced last term and progress to construct our games using Scratch.

PE - Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school including shorts, a t-shirt and plimsolls. PE is on a Wednesday and Thursday every week.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 5th December - Wild animal adventures Y5 trip
- Wednesday 13th December - Festive jumper day
- Wednesday 20th December - Pantomime at Sunderland Theatre

If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Dawson or Mrs Bell.