

Year 5 Newsletter February 2024

Welcome to the third Year 5 newsletter and we're now roughly half way through the year! This half term seems to have flown by, but we have still managed to fit lots in. Forest School has started for Year 5 this half term and Beech and Cedar have thoroughly enjoyed participating in this again and Rowan's turn is soon around the corner. Rowan and Cedar have also finished their cookery unit with Beech having this to look forward to.

Year 5 have shown excellent dedication and work ethic with their writing this half term particularly excelling and enjoying our Biography unit on David Attenborough. Learning about 'Life in Tudor England' has also been a highlight with the children already demonstrating so much previous knowledge about Henry VIII.

We are all very much looking forward to finishing this half term with a trip to the theatre to see 'School of Rock'.

Miss Freed and the year 5 team

Homework

All the children are now completing their weekly homework. Please remember that our expectations are

- CGP Maths book
- Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes practice per week
- Spelling practice – Weekly spelling list in their HSO
- SPAG.COM
- Reading 5/7 days to be recorded in their HSO along with a reflection from the reading target task.

Each task should last at least 10 minutes.

We also ask that you sign your child's HSO each week.

If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.

Spring assessments

Next half term, we will be taking part in assessments for reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths using NTS formal assessments. Teachers will also be assessing writing using the independent writing activities which the children have already completed over the previous half term. As a school we use this information, along with in-class teacher judgements, to map out our future planning, intervention groups and highlight any gaps in knowledge which may need to be taught again.

Teachers and senior leadership (which includes Mr Stevenson, our Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for inclusion and SEND) meet to discuss all children within our termly 'Pupil Progress Meetings'.

We will let you know how your child has performed through our parents' evening session, and also through our 'Snapshot reports' which will be sent directly to you as parents on 28th March 2024.

Book bands will also change if appropriate, based on these assessments.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail:

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Parents evening Spring 2024

During week commencing 15th April 2024, each class teacher will be hosting a 10-minute parent consultation for you in school. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child.

Times Table Rockstars Competition results



Rowan 2023

855

Cedar 2023

453

Beech 2023

129

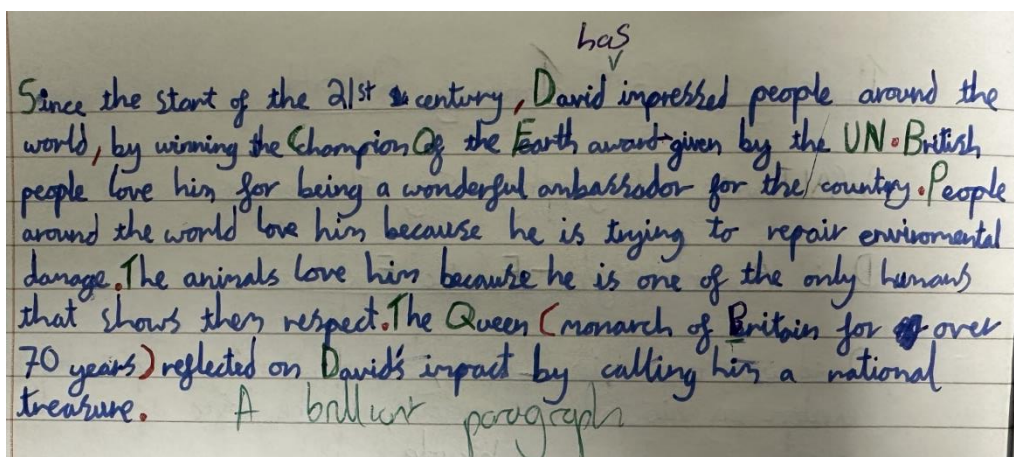
OPAL donations and Open Classroom – Wednesday 6th March

On Wednesday 6th March, classes will be open early for you to come and view your children's work. During this time, if you have any donations to support our OPAL provision at lunchtime, we will also be having a donation drop off too. Please look out in our main newsletter about what donations can be bought in.

WOW Work!

Every year group newsletter this year will include a piece of writing published from a child in our year group. It is a great way to showcase what we have been doing in school but also allow the children to see that their writing can have an audience.

This half term's work has been written by Michael in Beech Class. Writing about David Attenborough, Michael has included our repetition lens. He has also demonstrated our school expectation of red and green pen and his paragraph has really engaged the reader detailing the work David has put in to help our planet. Well done Michael, your whole biography was great to read!



Latin Reading Competition- The Winston Churchill

On Wednesday 31st January, Matilda, Elysia, Goncalo, Lily, Irina and Juliette attended The Winston Churchill school for a Latin Reading workshop. They learnt about the origin of Latin words, endings of words and the position of words within a sentence. They then worked with Year 10 students who helped them read and perform the script of Odysseus and the Cyclops. They then performed the script to the rest of the school on Friday to show what they had learnt from their day. It was a wonderful learning opportunity and we look forward to being able to invite more children to different workshops in the future.

Spring 2 skills

Rowan- Swimming with Mrs Tapley and Art with Mrs Dayekh (Tuesdays)

Beech- PE with Mr Coles (Tuesdays)

Cedar- PE with Complete Coaching (Tuesdays)

Forest School Rowan- 22nd February (Group A), 29th February (Group B) and 7th March (Groups A and B ½ session each; this session includes a campfire).

Year 5 Topics

This half term has led to some very descriptive and detailed writing where the children were enthused by writing biographies about David Attenborough, and have begun to write a transmission report in role as an astronaut which links to our space topic. We are very much looking forward to visiting the Planetarium at Winston Churchill School next half term to further develop the children's knowledge.

We have now taught our first history topic of the year and we have been really impressed with the children's wider knowledge about Henry VIII and his many wives!

The children have been studying Hinduism in RE and have learnt about festivals, Puja trays and have linked ideas between Christianity and Hinduism.

We look forward to another busy half term next year where our Space topic continues and we learn about the Greeks.

Diary Dates

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| February | Finish for half term: Friday 9 th February 2024 Inset Day: Monday 19 th February Children return: Tuesday 20 th February 2024 22nd February: Girl Guiding World Thinking Day Members of the Girl Guiding Association may wear their uniforms to school 28th February: Winston Planetarium trip |
| March | Wednesday 6th March: Opal Donations/ open classroom 7th March: World Book Day W/C 11th March: British Science Week 14th March: PTA Bingo Night 27th March: Year 4 Easter service to school 28th March: Last day of term (early finish) and Snapshot reports out, PTA Doughnut sale |

April

15th April: Children return to school

16th April: Parents' Evening

17th April: Parents' Evening