

Year 5 Newsletter March 2024

Welcome to the fourth newsletter of the academic year! It seems to be getting busier and busier as the year goes on but the children are thriving and working so hard.

We had the opportunity to visit The Winston Churchill school and their Planetarium this half term to help consolidate the children's learning on space. We all had a fantastic time during World Book Day, dressing up as words to improve our knowledge and awareness of a broad range of vocabulary. Many children took part in a range of competitions throughout the week and we finished the week by starting our Pop-Up book unit.

The year 5 team continue to be impressed with the quality and quantity of the children's writing and we have since been writing poems and a transmission report based on a trip to Mars.

The year 5 team would like to wish you a happy and healthy Easter.

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

We have completed our Spring 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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Beech - Mr. Dunsford j.dunsford@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk


Cedar - Mr. Ross p.ross@horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk

Parents evening Spring 2024

During week commencing 16th and 17th 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

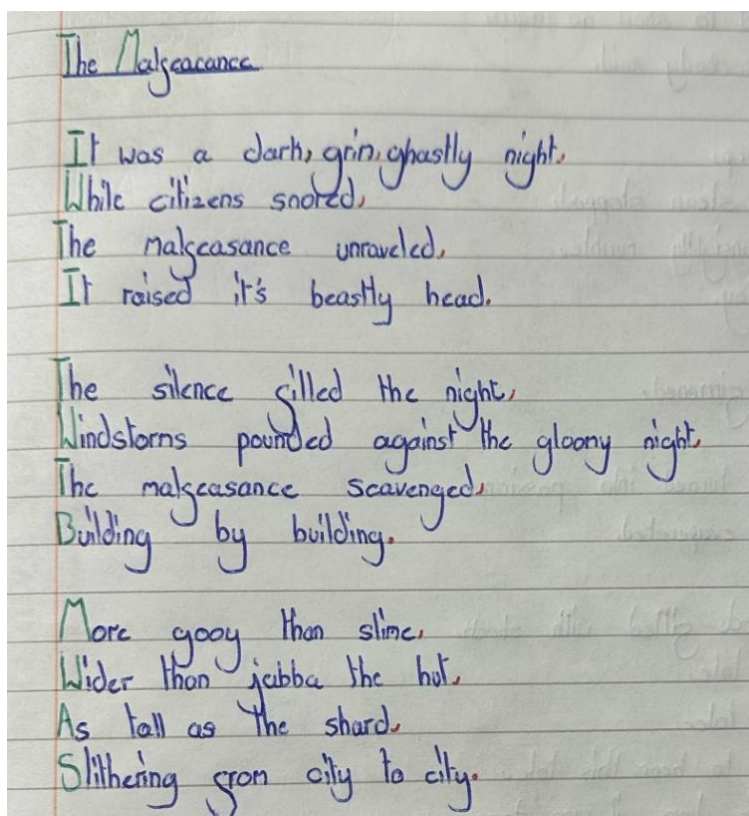


 Rowan 2023	1440	Cedar 2023	250	Beech 2023	129
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Book Week and DT

During Book Week, the children participated in a range of competitions and dressed up as some phenomenal vocabulary. The children were also able to begin creating their Pop-Up books, learning a range of pop up techniques to create a book based on values. The children will be reading these to their buddies when they meet them at the end of the summer term.

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 Sufyan in Rowan Class.

Sufyan has written his poem accurately using verses and he has included a range of atmospheric vocabulary.

He has shown that he can use suffixes, conjunctions and expanded noun phrases.



Planetarium- The Winston Churchill

On Wednesday 28th February Year 5 walked to The Winston Churchill school to visit their Planetarium to consolidate their learning on Space. Despite a very long walk, the children thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were in awe during the demonstration and clip about the Sun, Moon and Stars.

Spring 2 skills

- Rowan-** PE with Complete Coaching (Tuesdays)
- Beech-** Swimming with Mrs Tapley and Art with Mrs Dayekh (Tuesdays)
- Cedar-** PE with Mr Coles (Tuesdays)

Year 5 Topics

This half term the children have been learning about decimals, perimeter and statistics in maths, they have also been using good problem-solving skills by moving onto a range of chilli challenges.

In history we have been learning about Ancient Greece and the children have really enjoyed debating about what should and shouldn't happen in society comparing knowledge of what happened after the Mycenaean civilization compared to now.

We have had an exciting practical unit in computing where the children have been learning how to programme and use MicroBits, this learning will also be built upon when the children go into Year 6.



Diary Dates

April	15th April: Children return to school 16th April: Parents' Evening 17th April: Parents' Evening 19th April: PTA bags to school collection w.c 22nd April: Book Fair 27th April: PTA Good as new sale
May	1st May: Whole School photo 6th May: Bank holiday 21st May: Music Concert (evening, time to be confirmed) 24th May: Last day of half term
June	3rd June: Return to school