

Year 5 - Term 2



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sharks and Lions have made a very good start to Year 5 and have settled in well. We hope that they enjoy their holiday and come back refreshed for a busy and exciting Term 2.

Curriculum Overview for Year 5

Our learning journey for this term will be 'Can I Be an Author?.' We are looking forward to creating our very own picture books in Year 5 for nursery children and this provides an opportunity to show these to the nursery children at Hoo St Werburgh and even take along some copies to the local library. We are hoping to publish the winning picture books that has be created by the pupils in Sharks and Lions. The pictures will also be illustrated for the children as well. How exciting! In Science, we will be learning about the 'Properties and Changes of Materials' where we will challenge the children in a number of investigations.

Our work in English this term is based on our learning journey and we will be studying different authors and particularly looking at how they became an author. To prepare and develop our writing, we will have weekly Grammar and Punctuation sessions and focus on Spelling in 3 sessions every week. (Details of the School's new Spelling policy is being sent to all parents separately.)

In Mathematics, we will continue focusing on shape and moving back onto number and place value to ensure that all children build a conceptual understanding of Maths at a Year 5 level. We will particularly be practising multiplication and division as well as calculations using all 4 operations. We will be working extremely hard on our times tables and we ask that you work on these at home with your child as they form an integral part of accessing the maths curriculum. Times tables will be tested three times a week at least in our 'Monkey Maths' lessons.

Expectations

We ask for your support in completing regular home learning with your children and ask that you hear your child read at least three times a week and log their reading in their contact books. We are grateful for your continued support in hearing your children read and ensuring that they continue to bring their contact books

and books to school. If children do not read three times a week, they will be staying in one lunchtime to provide an opportunity for them to read.

P.E.

P.E. this term will be every alternate Monday afternoon, so please ensure that your child has their full P.E. kit at school on this day. However, there may also be other opportunities for the children to take part in P.E. so it is recommended that kit stays at school all week. All clothing and P.E. kit should be named. For P.E., earrings must be removed for health and safety reasons.

If you have any queries regarding this newsletter, please do not hesitate to discuss these with us.

Your continued support is very much valued. We all want the Year 5 children to have a very productive, successful and enjoyable year at Hoo St Werburgh Primary School.

Thank you,

Miss Callaghan and Mr Oakley - Year 5 Teachers.