

Year 5 - Term 2

**NO ACT OF
KINDNESS,
however small,
IS EVER
WASTED.**



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Sharks and Lions have had a very good Term 2. We hope that they enjoy their Christmas holiday and come back refreshed for a busy and exciting Term 3.

Learning Journey.

Next term our Learning Journey will encompass 'How small acts of kindness can change lives?'. As a year group we will be looking at the global impact of kindness and its ramifications such as the 'warm glow' effect and positive impacts upon society and individuals. We will be learning about charitable organisations and how they help with situations ranging from homelessness to natural disasters.

Maths.

Term 3 will see both Lions and Sharks learn formal methods of both multiplication and division before they begin to explore fractions.

English.

We are going to be learning about Greta Thunberg and from this we will be staging debates, exploring how certain events impact the environment and write our own speeches!

Science.

This terms science will be based around forces and the children will explore air resistance and water resistance and learn what gravity is. Children will explore and Investigate simple machines such as levers, pulleys, gears, wheels and screws and how they allow small forces to have a bigger impact. Children will further develop their knowledge of how forces can slow or stop objects moving.

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 four times a week, they will be staying in one lunchtime to provide an opportunity for them to read.

We also ask that your child practise their spellings at home every night to ensure they are confident at spelling the chosen words. The spelling lists are stapled into their planners. We will test the children on the Autumn/Spring/Summer list at the start or end of each term and will focus on particular rules each week to help the children progress; these will be sent out via parent mail and will give the spellings from that particular rule that appear on the Autumn/Spring/Summer list.

Monkey Maths will be tested at least three times a term and it is very important to ensure children can recall times table facts and understand these to help their learning in many areas as well as Mathematics. We ask that your child practise times tables at home. The children also have their only access to their Times Tables Rockstars and can practise times table on this as well as Hit the Button that covers times tables and number bonds practise.

P.E.

P.E. this term will be every Tuesday morning and in addition alternate Wednesday afternoons for swimming for three consecutive weeks, so please ensure that your child has their full swimming and P.E. kit at school on these days. 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.