

# Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2



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Spring 1 was a great half term. We enjoyed a day learning how to cook Spanish cuisine.

We hope you have downloaded the TT Rock stars app, so you can keep practicing timetables!

Just a reminder that your child is able to bring in a healthy snack for break time (e.g. fruit and cereal bars) to tide them over until lunchtime.

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## PE Day:

PE will be on **Thursday** afternoon so please ensure your child has a PE kit. They will be able to wear the PE kit into school on a Thursday.

**They will need a plain white t-shirt , black shorts and trainers.** When the weather gets cooler, the children can bring a plain black or grey tracksuit.

## Diary Dates

### INSET DAY— Friday 4th April

Friday 7th March - World Book Day.

Years 5 have a cricket coach on the 14th March (so PE Kits can be worn into school that day).

Friday 21st March - Rainbow Day & Red Nose Day.

Thursday 20th March - The tree house (New Forest Study Centre) trip.

## Science

This half term, we are learning about more about reversible and irreversible changes.

Children will learn to give reasons, based on evidence from comparative and fair tests, for the particular uses of everyday materials, including metals, wood and plastic. They will discover that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible and irreversible.

Which solids do you think are reversible after dissolving?



# English

This half term, we will be reading 'Wolf Wilder' and exploring the themes of heroism and relationships with nature. We will write a narrative continuing on the story from what we've read. We will also write a non-fiction paragraph about wolves. Furthermore, we will write an action scene to create suspense. We will focus on different sentence patterns to make our writing more interesting; conjunctions to extend our ideas; and dashes for parenthesis.



Can you find 5 facts about wolves?

## In RE

Christianity

**Theme:** Easter

**Key question:** How significant is it for Christians to believe God intended Jesus to die?

DT

We will be making cushions with a river scene. Children we be using their cutting and sewing skills to create a finished product.

Computing

### Flat-file databases

Children will explore flat-file databases and how they organise data.

They will create and use graphs to answer questions about the data.

E-Safety

The children will be looking at online bullying.

They will be identifying a range of ways to report concerns both at home and at school.



Can you find out where databases are used?

# Maths

In Maths, we will be looking at angles. The children will learn how to identify the different angles. They will also learn how to measure and draw them. The children will have the opportunity to investigate and make different angles in their everyday lives.

Please continue to encourage your child to learn their times tables facts and also number facts for fluency (number bonds, doubles, near doubles) these may sound easy but if we know these facts it makes the harder concepts easier. Discuss the times tables you are happy with and those you need to practice.

Can you name 4 different angles?

## Home Learning

We are continuing to encourage children to work on their times table facts on TT Rockstars and spelling the 3/4 and 5/6 spelling lists.

We would love your support in helping us to actively encourage your child to continue to develop a love of reading by reading at home throughout the week.