

As Term 4 draws to a close we are beginning to look towards our new topic of 'The circle of life'. This topic focuses on the life cycles of both animals and plants. Further details and letters relating to the SRE unit (or 'growing up talk' as it is commonly known), which is also covered in Term 5, will be sent out prior to the lessons.

This week the children have;

- Completed maths assessments in arithmetic, problem solving and reasoning linked to the units taught since the beginning of Term 3.
- Completed a spelling assessment.
- Completed a reading assessment.
- Discussed some of the moral dilemmas covered in passages from the Bible.
- Enjoyed an Easter Experience organised by the Family Trust.
- Enjoyed an end of term treat for completing each part of the class reward symbol.

#### Reading book recommendations

It can be difficult to find the next book that is going to capture your child's attention and love of reading. Take a look at this site [www.lovereading4kids.co.uk](http://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk). Here you will find a range of books for different reading ages that are reviewed by children. You can also find extracts of the book (available if you sign up to the site) so your child can read more than the blurb on the back of the book before choosing to buy it.

#### Class Book for Term 5

The class have thoroughly enjoyed our class book, 'The Jamie Drake Equation', this term. We have been gripped by the story of Jamie and his amazing astronaut dad and the strange signals coming through Jamie's mobile phone.

Next term our class book will be 'The Bubble Boy by Stewart Foster'. So if you're looking for an alternative to a chocolate treat this Easter why not grab a copy and your child could then read along with us at the end of the day.

#### Homework

This week the focus is on maths. The children have been set an activity on Active Learn linked to the maths lessons completed last week. The children should have their log-ins stuck into their Reading Record but if they have misplaced them please let us know so we can provide them with a replacement. This homework should be completed by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

#### Spellings

Next week we will be testing those spellings listed as 'TERM 5 To be tested 20.04.18' on the spelling sheets. These sheets are available in the Class section of the website. These spellings will be tested in school on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

#### Times tables

Please remember to use Times Table Rockstars as a way to improve and maintain accuracy of recall in times tables. Times Tables will be tested on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April**.

If obtaining access to the internet is a problem the children are welcome to complete their homework at school - we would ask them to check with an adult when the most convenient time would be to use the IT suite.

#### Easter Holiday Homework

Here are some suggested activities to have a go at during the Easter holiday.

- Complete a bird spotting survey. Can you record the numbers and different types of birds that visit your garden? Can you draw your results in a graph?

- Have a go at sketching or drawing some spring flowers or birds. Which media will you use - colouring pencils, watercolour paint, sketch pencil?
- Write a diary entry for a day out during the holiday that you really enjoyed. Did you visit somewhere new for the first time? What did you learn? How did you get there - can you track your journey on a map?
- Are you going on holiday? Can you find out something about the place you are visiting - is the region famous for anything? Do they like particular foods?

**If you would like to complete any of the above activities we would love you to bring in your completed work on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April.**

We wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back to school for the start of Term 5 on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Mrs Culver and The Year 5 Teaching Team