

Welcome to Term 5. There was a glimpse of summer this week which was very welcome after a pretty grey and dismal Easter holiday.

This term our topic is 'Life Cycles'.

This week the children have;

- Added and subtracted decimals within 1
- Begun to study our text for this term which is 'Fox by Margaret Wild'
- Learnt the names and functions of parts of a flower and the difference between sexual and asexual reproduction in plants.
- Enjoyed time in the IT suite completing challenges on TimesTable Rockstars

So next week we shall be;

- Learning about complete and incomplete metamorphosis in insects and frogs
- Enjoying a Paperless Day
- Having a 'Beetle Drive' based on the structure of a flower
- Adding and subtracting decimals with the same decimal places
- Showing an understanding of simple French words and phrases linked to the opening and closing times of restaurants.

SRE lessons

Part of this term will be focusing on delivering SRE (Sex and Relationships Education) content to the class. This is an important part of the PSHE curriculum and links to this term's topic of 'Life Cycles'. We will be sending out a letter next week with further details on the content and timing of the lessons.

CAT4 Assessments

As part of our school assessments the class will be completing CAT4 assessments this term. These assessments can be used to inform your decision to apply for the Kent Test as part of the PESE (Primary Education Secondary Education) transfer process. We will be holding a PESE meeting on **Monday 21st May from 3.15pm** where we will be providing details of the process of transferring to secondary school and offer an opportunity to answer any questions you may have about the process. Results of the CAT4 assessments will also be available to you on that day. This is an important event as the application for Year 7 secondary school places (for current Year 5 pupils) need to be completed by **31st October 2018**.

Charlton Athletic Healthy Sport Initiative

We are very much forward to enjoying receiving some sport sessions delivered by an intuitive run by Charlton Athletic. They will be working with Year 5 every Wednesday afternoon this term. The sessions will focus on both the theory and practical elements of sport. The class will have the opportunity to try football, dodge ball and handball over the course of the term.

We are also very pleased to be receiving support in PE lessons on Mondays from Miss Cavanagh (PE teacher at The Lenham School). This is the second time she has worked with Year 5 this year and this term we will be enjoying Outdoor Adventurous Activities in the school grounds. Let's hope the good weather lingers!

Easter Holiday Homework

Thank you to those children who completed the optional Easter holiday homework. WE now have some great examples of independent work on display in the classroom. Our Wonder Wall is jam-packed with great examples of work and we have some lovely sketches, bird spotting results and life cycle posters on our Life Cycles display board. This work will be celebrated in assembly on Monday.

Busters Book Club

Busters Book Club continues this term so please remember to keep those Reading Records and especially those Book Club Bookmarks up to date.

Homework

This week the focus is on SPAG. The children have been set an activity on SPAG.com linked to the English lessons completed this 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 20th April**.

Spellings

New spelling sheets have been sent home this week. As usual they are for the whole term and even provide the spellings planned for the first 2 weeks of Term 6. Are you a caterpillar, butterfly, tadpole, frog or froglet?

Next week we will be testing those spellings listed as 'TERM 5: To be tested 27.04.18' on the spelling sheets. These sheets are available in the Class section of the website. These spellings will be tested in school on **Friday 27th 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 26th 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.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Culver and The Year 5 Teaching Team