



Year 5 NEWSLETTER

Spring 2 Term 2021

Our Theme is 'Shipwrecked'



Can we survive anywhere?

For the first couple of weeks of the half-term, we will be finishing our learning about World War II - in the context of the local area (Fort Nelson, and Portsmouth in relation to D-day). We will then begin a new unit inspired by Shackleton's ill-fated trip to Antarctica, using the book *Shipwrecked* as our stimulus. We will study lots of different genres of writing during this unit including instructions. In science, we will look at properties of materials and how mixtures can be separated, as well as reversible and irreversible changes. We will test properties of materials, plan and conduct fair test experiments, and learn how to record data before interpreting it. As the term draws to a close, we will be learning about the 'Eucharist' in relation to the Easter Story.

These are key learning objectives we will be covering in English and Mathematics

In reading we will be learning to:

- draw inferences such as characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence

In writing we will be learning to:

- use relative clauses beginning with who, which, where, when, whose or that
- use commas to clarify meaning or avoid ambiguity in writing

In maths we will be learning to:

- compare and order fractions whose denominators are all multiples of the same number
- solve problems involving numbers with up to three decimal places

Back Together Again

Now that all children are back in school again, to support them with their mental health and wellbeing we will be focussing on the following areas: Safety, Friendships and Caring, Achievement and Resilience.

There will be an increased focus on our CARE code and behaviour expectations – reminding the children of how they can CARE for themselves and others and keep everyone safe. It is really important that they reconnect as a group, so there will be a focus upon friendship and relationships which will also include an introduction of some new 'Magic Minutes' from Trick Box to support with mindfulness. We will continue to develop the children's achievement and resilience through promoting positive learning attitudes and effort.

To support this learning, we will be using resources from SCARF education, Place2Be and Trick Box as well as our Personal Development Learning (PDL) curriculum as usual.

Year 5 Message Board

Our outdoor PE day is **Monday** and our indoor PE day is **Friday**. Please ensure that your child wears their school PE kit on those days, including a warm tracksuit for outside and suitable footwear. Long hair must be tied up and earrings removed or taped for all PE sessions.

When your child returns to school, please remind them to only bring in the items that they will need during the day. For example, their lunchbox, a water bottle and a fresh fruit or vegetable snack. If they have any equipment or books to return to school, these can be put into the boxes inside the classroom to quarantine. Our classrooms will continue to be well-ventilated, so please ensure your child has the appropriate number of layers of clothing so that they can stay comfortable.

Please also remember that book bags must fit into their trays and that rucksacks are not permitted – a drawstring bag is sufficient for what they need to bring into school.

Thank you for your continued support,
Year 5 Team