



Y5 Curriculum Newsletter – Oh What A Performance!

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Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to say how much I have enjoyed getting to know the children in Y5 over the past few weeks and how much I am looking forward to teaching them after Easter.

The topic for Y5 and Y6 is **Oh What A Performance!** This is a great opportunity for us all to be very creative! We have a wide range of exciting activities planned and I am sure that there will be many aspects of this topic that the children will enjoy exploring. In particular, Y5 are going to be focusing on The Circus. There will be a strong Art and Design element to this topic including the building of working fairground models - a challenge that should keep us all very busy!

In Literacy we will be looking at novels and stories by a significant children's author and have chosen to look at the work and style of former children's laureate and award winning author, Michael Morpurgo. The children will certainly already be familiar with some of his work and will be able to enjoy studying his books in greater depth during this unit of study. We will also be looking at play scripts which ties in well with our overall theme, as well as recounts and persuasive writing.

Science this term will be based on Earth and Beyond which perfectly complements one of our main Music units entitled 'Journey into Space'. The children will also be increasing their knowledge and understanding of the Human Body.

PE will continue to be on a Monday and Wednesday. This term we will be concentrating on skills for Athletics, Rounders, Tennis and Cricket. Please can you ensure that your child has a school PE kit (navy shorts, white PE socks, white T-shirt, trainers with a pair of plain blue jogging bottoms and an extra plain blue jumper for outside activities). Can I also urge you to make sure all items are clearly named. Your child will be responsible for their kit at all times. I would like to do PE on the 8th April (the first day back) so please make sure the kits are in school.

As with the previous two terms the Homework timetable will be as follows:

Monday	Spellings & Maths basics Reading	Checked on a Friday Checked for Reading Stickers – please make sure reading passports are in daily
Tuesday	Literacy or Numeracy	In on the Thursday
Thursday	Opposite to Tuesday – Literacy or Numeracy	In on the following Monday

Project homework will be given occasionally. As an entertaining introduction to our topic I would like the children to take some time in the Easter Holidays to learn and practice a magic trick that they can perform for the class during the first week back (no white rabbits please!)

In addition to this I would also like them to produce a collage with the title 'Oh What A Performance!' This does not have to necessarily be related to the circus but can be any interpretation of the title. I look forward to displaying these in the classroom after the holidays.

Any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Timms, Mrs. Kempster & Mrs. Coates