

# Year 5 Newsletter



Spring term 1- 2022-23

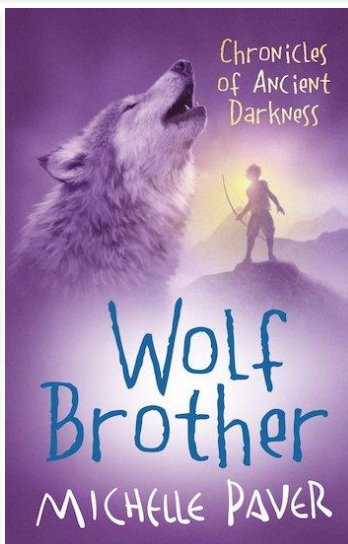
We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

## Whole School Project: Joseph Coelho

Our whole school project is focussed on the work of Joseph Coelho. Coelho is an award-winning performance poet, playwright and children's author, whose work has poetry at its heart. In year 5 we will be using Coelho's poems as inspiration to create a range of writing outcomes over the next three weeks. As well as writing and publishing our own poems, our project will also include elements of poetry performance. We look forward to sharing our outcomes and displays with you at parents evening!

### Wolf Brother – Michelle Paver

*Wolf Brother* is the first book in the series *Chronicles of Ancient Darkness* by Michelle Paver. *Wolf Brother* takes place six thousand years ago during the Middle Stone Age. It tells the story of twelve-year-old Torak, a boy who can talk to wolves. This novel is full of adventure and fantasy, and we will use it to support our reading lessons after our whole school project.



### Physical Education

Our P.E. focus this term is dance. Each lesson will centre upon a different type of dance, including Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop and Greek. Children will learn basic steps for each type of dance and have the opportunity to develop their own sequences in groups. At the end of term, the children will perform a dance routine in groups and analyse and evaluate the performances of their peers.

Our P.E. days remain the same as last term, with 5TS on Mondays and 5SA on Tuesdays. Children can come to school dressed in their P.E. kits on their P.E. day.

### Uniform

Please **label all items** of clothing with your child's name to enable us to return lost property to the correct child. Last term we had several missing items that we were unable to return due to names being washed off. Children should be wearing a **school logo** jumper. Please remember earrings are **not permitted** at school. Children wearing earrings to school will be asked to remove them.

### Supporting families

Since the energy crisis began, the cost of living has grown exponentially in all areas of our lives. It is important that the families in our Wingfield community are being supported through some of these challenging financial times. With that in mind, please find some links to support families. These range from gaining financial support to receiving advice. The links are available below:

#### Energy Saving Trust

<https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/are-high-energy-bills-having-an-impact-on-your-mental-health/>

#### Citizens advice

<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills/>

**The energy bills support scheme discount – some families may be eligible for support.**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/getting-the-energy-bills-support-scheme-discount>

### Science topic- Materials

This term we will continue our topic of materials. Children will:

- Compare and group together everyday materials based on their properties.
- Know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution.
- Understand the particular use of materials based on evidence from fair tests.
- Explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials and understand that this type of change is usually irreversible.

### Returning books

Children are reminded that they need to return all books that belong to the school when they return from their Christmas break. All books have a Wingfield stamp, and this can be found on the front cover or one of the first pages of the book.

### Home Learning

Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings and times tables challenges, alongside additional SATs based tasks (CGP books). These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Thursday. Children are expected to read every day and parents/carers need to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked in school daily.

It has been a very successful first term at Wingfield for everyone involved in year 5. The children have worked extremely hard since September, showing great levels of enthusiasm and resilience. We were particularly proud of how much the children impressed the Ofsted inspectors during the school's inspection in November; their enthusiasm and behaviour made a huge contribution to the success of the inspection. We look forward to seeing what 2023 has to offer! Mr. Savage and Ms. Ashdown.