

Year 5 Newsletter

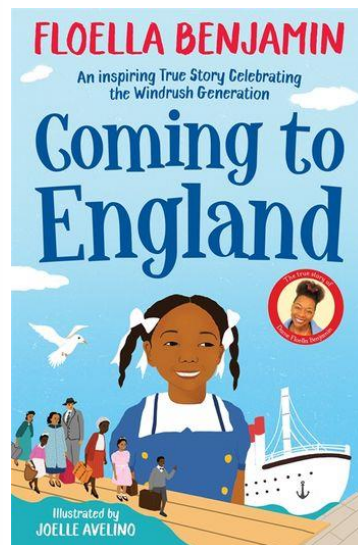
Spring term 1- 2023-24



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

Whole School Project: Floella Benjamin

Our whole school project is focussed on the life of Floella Benjamin. Benjamin is an award-winning children's author, as well as an actress, singer, presenter, politician and children's TV host. Her parents moved from Trinidad to Great Britain as part of the Windrush Generation, and her 1995 book *Coming to England* centres on the hardship she experienced moving to the UK from her home country in 1960. In year 5, we will be using this book as an inspiration to create a range of writing outcomes over the next three weeks. We look forward to sharing our outcomes and displays with you at parents evening!



Physical Education

Our P.E. focus this term is dance. Our lessons will focus on learning dances from other times and cultures, as well as children having the opportunity to develop their own dance 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 Tuesdays and 5SA on Mondays and Wednesdays. Children can come to school dressed in their P.E. kits on their P.E. day.

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. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Friday. 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.

Foundation topics

In our science lessons this term, our topic is Materials. Children will be taught to group and sort materials, learn about reversible and irreversible changes and investigate dissolving materials to form a solution. In History, we will be learning about British governance over time and the reformations of Henry VIII. Our R.E. topic is Buddhism, and in PSHE we will be learning about staying safe online.

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.

Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the school values of **honesty** and **resilience** through collective worship and in our PSHE lessons.

Fruit

Children can bring a piece of fruit to eat during break time. Please note that children should only be bringing water to drink during play and lunch times.

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 the children's hard work in preparing and performing the Christmas Concerts at the end of last term. We look forward to seeing what 2024 has to offer! Mr. Savage and Ms. Ashdown.