

# Year 5 Newsletter

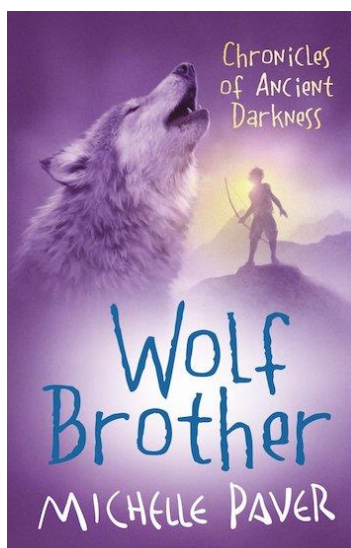
Spring term 2- 2023-24



Welcome back. We are officially halfway through the academic year!

## 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 and writing lessons throughout the term. There are numerous copies available at school for children to take home and read.



## World Book Day

This year, Wingfield's World Book Day is **Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> March**. If you would like any ideas with your costumes, please ask your teachers for help. We do not expect parents/carers to buy a costume for this day; there are many costumes that can be put together with everyday clothes. These include characters from *Matilda*, *The Boy in the Dress*, *Gangsta Granny*, *The Adventures of TinTin*, *Angelina Ballerina*, *Where's Wally*, *Paddington Bear* and *Mr Bump* (and other Mr Men characters).

## Physical Education

Our P.E. topics this term are gymnastics and rugby. Our indoor lessons will focus on learning body shapes with precision and apply them to a variety of gymnastics activities such as jumps, vaults and travel. At the end of term, the children will perform a gymnastics routine and analyse and evaluate the performances of their peers. We are also very lucky to have external coaches from Blackheath Rugby club coming in to teach us this term. Our rugby lessons will take place on Fridays, which means **our PE days have changed this term. 5TS will have PE on Tuesdays and Fridays, and 5SA on Mondays and Fridays.** Children can come to school dressed in their P.E. kits on their P.E. day.

## 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

Our science lessons this term will continue the topic of materials. Children will learn about reversible and irreversible changes and investigate separating materials and chemical changes. In Geography, we will be learning about the physical features of South America. Our R.E. lessons continue the topic of Buddhism, and in PSHE we will be learning about health and safety / first aid. Finally, our DT lessons will centre on creating our own switches for electrical circuits.

## Jewellery

Please be reminded that at Wingfield Primary School the wearing of any items of jewellery, including earrings and ear-studs, (metal or plastic) is not permitted in accordance with health and safety guidance (<https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education>). Items of jewellery present a potential health and safety hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Health and safety guidance confirms that any items of jewellery worn in a Physical Education (PE) lesson or physical activity session e.g., using sports equipment at play time or lunch time, is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times.

## Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the theme of kindness. We explore our values in depth through assemblies, PSHE lessons and across the wider curriculum. We will also be exploring the theme of honesty.

The children had an extremely successful Spring 1 term. In particular, we are very proud of the outstanding learning they produced for our whole school project displays on Dame Floella Benjamin. Thank you to all parents for your continued support.