

Year 5 Newsletter

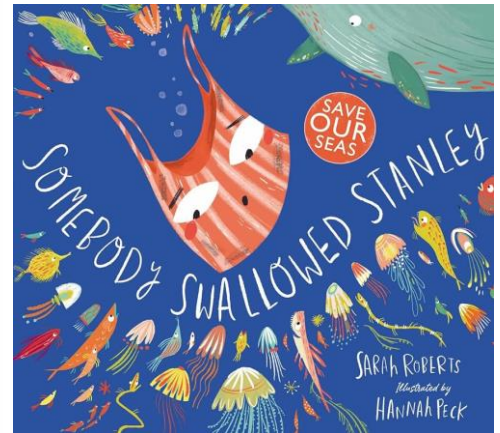
Summer term 1 - 2023-24



Welcome back. We hope you had a fantastic Easter break!

Somebody Swallowed Stanley – Sarah Roberts

Somebody Swallowed Stanley is a beautifully illustrated picture book / narrative poem written with Sarah Roberts. The poem has a powerful message about plastic pollution and tells the story of Stanley, a plastic bag, who finds himself littering the sea and is accidentally eaten by various animals. Every year group in the school will produce a writing outcome inspired by the book for sustainability week, and in year 5 we will be writing our own free verse poems relating to environmental issues. Some poems will be published for a whole school display on sustainability.



Key dates this term

Monday 22nd April – Earth Day. Children can come to school wearing items of green or blue clothing (see separate message).
Thursday 23rd May – Key Stage 2 Sports Day. Further information will follow later in the term.

Physical Education

Our P.E. topics this term are athletics and badminton. Our indoor lessons will focus on learning to use badminton rackets and shuttlecocks correctly, as well as court positions and tactics. At the end of term, the children will engage in singles and pairs matches with their peers. Our outdoor lessons will focus on athletics techniques such as sprinting, jumping and throwing, in preparation for sports day on 23rd May. Our rugby lessons have finished, which means **our PE days have reverted to Tuesdays for 5TS and Mondays and Wednesdays for 5SA.** 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.

Foundation topics

Our science topic this term is living things and their habitats. Children will learn about the life cycles of different plants, mammals, birds, insects and amphibians. In History, we will be learning about the British Empire. Our R.E. lessons will focus on Sikhism, and in PSHE we will be learning about living a balanced, healthy lifestyle. Finally, our art lessons will focus on the work of Kehinde Wiley, leading up to creating our own final outcomes based on his work.

Returning books

Children are reminded that they need to return all books that belong to the school when they return from their Easter 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.

Value of the Month

As April continues, we will explore the theme of kindness. We explore our values in depth through assemblies, PSHE lessons and across the wider curriculum.

The children had an extremely successful Spring 2 term. They worked very hard on their tests during assessment week, and we were particularly proud of the outstanding writing outcomes they produced based on *Wolf Brother*. Thank you to all parents for your continued support.