

Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2023

This Term

Welcome to Year 5, I hope you had a wonderful summer, I am looking forward to the year ahead!

Our topic this term is entitled 'Curious Characters' - 'The Snow Spider'. The Snow Spider is a story of grief and magic, based on Welsh mythology. It is set on a remote farm in Wales during a bleak winter. Gwyn is a boy whose life changed forever on his 5th birthday when his sister was lost on the mountainside in a blizzard without a trace. To link with this, we will be comparing and contrasting Wales now and in the past, exploring the science behind light and lots of other exciting learning!

Don't Forget...

Our PE days are a Wednesday and Friday so please send your child to school in their P.E. Kits on these days. Please ensure PE kits follow school guidance as shared on the school website.

Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day – labelled with your child's name.

Please ensure that all coats, jumpers and cardigans are labelled with your child's name.

As a healthy school we promote a healthy lifestyle. Therefore children may only have fresh fruit or vegetables for snack.

Also make sure any medication that your child needs is given to a member of staff, labelled and in date.

Reading Books!

In Year 5 there is a greater emphasis on independence in readiness for secondary school. Therefore children are able to choose and manage their reading at home. Your child may wish to read a book from home/library or they are welcome to take books home from school. As many of these books are longer chapter books, your child may take a few weeks to complete a book. Once they have finished they enter it into our reading record in school and give it a recommendation out of 5 stars. Please could you support your child by encouraging them to read 15-20 minutes a day.

Homelearning

This term your child will be set weekly activities on J2E, this will be spellings to practice and a times tables activity. Spelling test will be on a Thursday. It may be online times table games as children love learning this way. It is really important that your child is as confident with times tables as possible as these facts feed into many other Maths concepts.

If you have any concerns or anything that you would like me to know, please get in contact. My email address is marangonw@hwbcymru.net.

Many thanks

Mr Marangon

