

What have we been up to?

It has been a very busy and exciting term for Year 5. Our production of 'Tales from Mount Olympus' in Spring 1 was a particular highlight for us and we hope you all enjoyed our show! During Spring 2 we have been working hard on writing our own adventure story and were lucky enough to have children from Stanley High School come to help us with our writing. Recently, we had Careers Week and were spoilt for choice from the many visitors. We had a Doctor who worked for LFC come to talk to us and Sophie Morris who is an Aerial Silks Artist. We loved listening to all different visitors talk about their jobs and were thoroughly inspired. Furthermore, we have been very busy learning all about how to keep fit and healthy and making our own healthy soup during Theme.



The Earth and Beyond (Summer 1)

During this Theme, the children go 'Above and Beyond' while looking deep into the depths of the solar system. The children learn about the movement and rotation of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun.

Southport (Summer 2)

Our theme for Summer 2 is 'Southport'. In Year 5, there is a particular focus on Fair Trade and the production of chocolate. The children will learn about different brands of and production processes, leading to them developing their entrepreneurial skills and design their own brand of chocolate!



Curriculum Drivers

Skills for Life and Growth and Development.

In Year 5 we continue to provide children with a broad and balanced curriculum that allows for creative thinking and the development of independent skills. We aim to teach this through a range of fun and exciting activities which underpin the learning of key skills across the curriculum.

Links

<http://www.spacekids.co.uk/learn/>
<http://www.kidsastronomy.com>
<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

English Learning

In Summer 1 we will be focusing on writing a Film Narrative, as well as a Mystery Story and a Newspaper Report.

In Summer 2 we will be focusing on stories from other cultures as well as Biography writing.

Maths Learning

In Maths, we will be focusing on shape, angles, time, position and direction and data and statistics.

What's On

INSET day: Tuesday 18th April
Y5 High School Taster Day - Tuesday 24th April (Boys at Birkdale High and Girls at Greenback High).
Last Y5 Swimming session: Continues until half term.
Sports Week: Sports Day TBC.
Year 5 Bikeright sessions: 25th April and 2nd May (days for each class to be confirmed)
Bowling: 15th June - 13th July (days and classes TBC)



Reading



This half-term our quality text has been '**How to Live Forever**' by Colin Thompson. The children have studied the text as part of their non-fiction writing on contrary arguments.

You can find a selection of similar picture books for older children by the following authors:

Colin Thompson

<http://www.colinthompson.com/page2.htm>

David Wiesner

<http://www.hmhbooks.com/wiesner/bookshelf.html>

Shaun Tann

<http://www.shauntan.net/books.html>

Mordicai Gerstein:

<http://www.mordicaigerstein.com/books.html>

Quotes

'Making the soup was really exciting. I enjoyed working as a team to make a healthy soup.' Timi Martins 5K

'Our visit from Dr Waller was very inspirational. He has dedicated a lot of his life to helping people, I really enjoyed listening to his stories.' Sam Whalley 5M

'Miss Morris' sister, Sophie, was amazing! She did lots of different tricks and tumbles on the silk. She really inspired me to never give up.' Aaron Van Der Vyver 5C

'Making the soup taught me how to maintain a healthy lifestyle and it was a good experience buying the vegetables.' Frankie Millington 5MN

'I have really enjoyed English this term, especially writing and performing the Poetry.' Jack Marshall 5MN