



Year 5 Class Newsletter

Spring Term 2: 2023

Welcome to our class newsletter!

Please find below an overview of what we will be learning this half term.

English

In English, the children will be learning how to use direct speech, dramatic techniques, planning and editing, different sentence styles, character and setting descriptions, techniques to create atmosphere, first-person narratives, adverbials, and conjunctions, relative clauses, and modal verbs.

The children will be learning these skills whilst exploring a picture book called King Kong, a giant gorilla, a massive monster of an ape who lives on a remote island. The mighty beast falls for a beautiful girl, Ann Darrow, and desperate to have her he finds himself lured into captivity. He is brought to civilisation and put on show, but when he sees Ann he breaks his heavy chains and begins to wreak havoc on the streets of New York . . .

Reading - The children will be using their VIPERS skills to answer questions about the text to support and develop their comprehension. The texts will be a range of fiction and non-fiction. Some texts are specifically chosen to link to our theme of 'The Circle of Life'.

We will also be continuing to explore our love of reading and encouraging children to 'Read for Pleasure' wherever possible. This is a fantastic way to engage minds and encourage learning so I hope you will join us in this.

Mathematics

At Beal Vale we use the Maths Mastery approach. Teaching for mastery is based on a belief that all children can achieve in maths. Concepts are built in small, logical steps and are explored through clear mathematical models and images.

In maths this half term we will be learning about:

- Short division
- Dividing 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and dividing with remainders
- Efficient division
- Solving problems with multiplication and division
- Multiplying fractions
- Decimals up to thousandths
- Order and compare decimals
- Equivalent fractions, decimals, percentages
- Perimeter and area of shapes

Geography: Rivers

In this unit children will:

- Explain the water cycle
- How the journey of a river links with the water cycle
- Identify UK rivers
- Identify the different stages of a river
- Explain the different parts of a river
- Identify major rivers around the world
- Use atlases to identify major rivers
- Understand and explain erosion and deposition
- Explain the ways rivers can be used

Science: Living Things

In this unit children will:

- Explain the 7 life processes using MRS GREN
- Research the gestation period of different animals
- Explain how animals reproduce
- Understand how plants reproduce, labelling plant anatomy.
- Understand what germination and seed dispersal mean.
- Explain the life cycle of different animals such as butterflies, frogs, and ducks
- Understand that within species, animals can have different reproductive cycles
- Explain the life cycle of plants and how they are similar and different to that of animals

Key Events

Year 5/6 Book Look – Tuesday
28th February 2023
World Book Day – Friday 3rd
March 2023 (Genre Theme)
Year 5 Class Assembly – Friday
3rd March 2023
River Beale Trip – Friday 24th
March
Parent's Evening – Tuesday 28th
March 2023

Reminders

PE Kits – The children do PE on Wednesday and Friday each week. They must have their indoor and outdoor kits for both sessions, in school.
Homework – A homework menu is sent each half term. The more homework they complete the more points they will get which will result in an equivalent reward at the end of the half-term. Children must complete one Maths, one English, and one other homework.
Reading – Please listen to your child read for at least 15 mins a week. For ease, this can be broken up in to three 5-minute sessions a week. This must be recorded on our online BoomReader app.
Spellings – a spelling map is sent out each half term. Spelling tests are on Fridays, the retests are on the following Monday