

Year 5

Spring 2 Newsletter



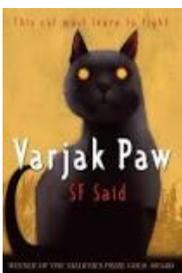
This half term, the work in year 5 will come under the title 'Survival of the fittest'. In English we will be writing discussion texts as well as having opportunities to debate issues. The children will be encouraged to present an argument from a viewpoint which may not be their own. They will also be engaging in ethical discussions such as 'If life is about the survival of the fittest does that mean an adult is worth more than a baby?'

We will be using our theme title in history as we consider the invasion and settlement of the Vikings in the United Kingdom and explore the effects on people and countries.



In **science** we will look at 'Living things and their habitats'- how plants and animals have adapted to suit their environment in order to survive.

We will continue with our 5 minute times tables challenges twice a week to increase speed and knowledge. The main focus in maths is adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. We will then use that knowledge to deepen our understanding of percentages and decimals.



At the heart of our theme is our class book 'Varjak Paw'- a beautiful, adventure story of courage, perseverance, aspiration, friendship and survival. We will use the book to enhance our vocabulary knowledge, discover literary devices used by the author and as a stimulus for discussion.

Some important days to remember:

Wednesday	Homework Club
Thursday	P.E Kit
Friday	Maths and English Homework

Important dates to remember:

Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
wb Monday 25 th March	Science Competition Week
Thursday 4 th April	Easter Egg & Bonnet Parade

Our main P.E. session is swimming on a Friday afternoon and will provide a good opportunity to keep developing the skills learnt last half term. **P.E. Kits are also needed every Thursday** when Major Oaks will take all children for either half an hour or an hour, enabling me to give more concentrated time to small groups on reading, writing or maths skills.

Homework Club

Wednesday after school homework club has become increasingly popular, it is great to see children wanting to spend an extra 45 minutes on their work. If demand continues at a high rate, I might need to limit numbers in order to give quality time to those children who would particularly benefit from the help.

Please continue to encourage your children to read daily, complete their weekly homework, their grid homework (attached) and continue with Spelling Shed, Lexia and Times Tables Rockstars- it all makes a big difference!



Finally, Mr Smee will be helping in year 5 this half term. He has a wealth of knowledge which I am looking forward to tapping into. Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns please come in and we can arrange a time to talk.

Class Teachers
Mrs Nicolls & Mr Smee

Headteacher
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