

# Year 5 Newsletter



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Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Dear Families,

We are half way through this half term and we are amazed by how well the children are doing. We have now moved on to our second class text (see below). It is great to see that most children are reading every day at home and that Reading Records are being used by the children and families.

### 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan

Our new text in Year 5 is called The Lost Thing; a beautiful picture book by Shaun Tan, which has an Oscar-winning accompanying short film. It is a tale of belonging, caring for others and celebrating difference. The Lost Thing in the story is a combination of an industrial boiler, an octopus and a crab! The children have been using their knowledge of various forms of expanded noun phrases to describe their own strange and wonderful creatures. We then read our descriptions to a partner to see if they could draw the creature! It was an effective way to help the children understand the reader's view and receive feedback to improve their descriptions! Great fun too!



### Maths – Place value

Since the beginning of term, we have been consolidating and extending the children's knowledge of place value, including numbers up to millions! The children have been representing numbers in different ways, using place value grids, part-whole models and number lines. We have also been looking at the value of individual digits within a number and discussing how numbers can be partitioned in so many different ways!

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### How you can help your child at home

#### Reading

Please encourage your child to read as much as possible at home and try to ask them questions about what they are reading.

In **Neptune class** home reading books are **changed every Tuesday and Friday**. We are asking the children to only bring their bags to school on these days. Please sign your child's Reading Record book every time you read with them.

The children take home a book of their choice for independent reading. They should write in their reading record each time they read their book and include comments about what they like about the characters and story, or maybe a key fact, if they are reading a non-fiction book!

#### Maths

Encourage your child to use **Mathletics** and **Times Tables Rock Stars** to support their learning in Maths. Please contact the class teacher if you have any difficulties logging on

#### Homework

This is sent out every **Friday**. The completed work needs to be returned in folders by **Wednesday**.

### Reminders and important dates:

#### PE Days

Please note that **our PE days have changed! Our PE days are now Wednesday and Friday**

Remember to wear your PE to school on those days.

#### Last day of term

Please be also aware that **the last day of term is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**.

#### Water bottles

Please make sure that your child brings a **named** water bottle to school each day. This is vital as we do not yet have the provision for water fountains in every part of the school and this ensures that your child can have a drink regularly through the day.

**Please remember that from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October Year 5 children will start at 9.05am and finish at 3.40pm**

### Attendance



Neptune – 96.3%



Saturn – 93.2%



## Helpful links for supporting your child's learning at home:



**Google Classroom** <https://classroom.google.com/>

In Year 5, some home learning will be set on Google Classroom. Please ensure that your child is able to access this at home, ideally on a PC, laptop or tablet (accessing via a phone is more difficult for completing assignments). The children all have an individual log in, which will be pasted inside their homework folder. If they have any difficulties with accessing or completing the work, please get in touch with the class teacher.

**Mathletics**

**Mathletics** <https://login.mathletics.com/>

The children are already familiar with Mathletics and should use it regularly to support their learning in maths. Some home learning will also be set on Mathletics. Your child's log in details are pasted in the homework folder.



**Times Tables Rock Stars**  
<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

Your child also has a log in for Times Tables Rock Stars, which they should use regularly for practicing multiplication. Their log in details in are pasted in the homework folder.

**Spellings**

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>



**Times Tables – Hit the Button**

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

**Online story time**

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>



**Online lessons** - BBC Bitesize

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>