

Farnborough Primary School

Summer TERM— YEAR FIVE



**WELCOME
BACK!**

I hope that you are all recharged and energised after the Easter break. I am very excited about our new topic Construction and Minecraft and the children are just as thrilled and we are all looking forward to sharing this new topic with you, in the new term.

As always the Year 5 team are looking forward to supporting the children to work hard with an invigorating and inspiring term ahead!

Thank you for your support.

Miss Morrison

Construction and Minecraft

Over this 10 lesson project, students work in teams to design and construct a building to be part of an exciting new development in their local area which they present in a final design fair. They will be developing links with a local Architects office and exploring the architecture in the locality and a contrasting area. In addition we will then be developing this further in the realm of Minecraft.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 23rd April—Children return to school

Wednesday 24th and 25th April—Parents Evening

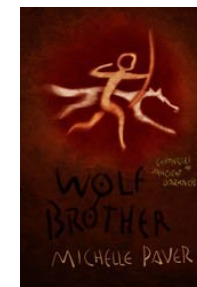
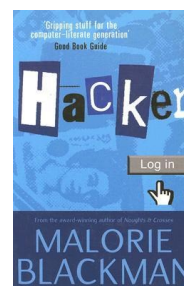
Thursday 2nd May—Farnborough Spa Taster Presentation 9.30—10.30

Thursday 2nd May— Spring concert.

Friday 24th May —End of term- Monday 3rd June—Children return to school

Friday 21st June— KS2 Sports day

Here are the books we will be working on in our English lessons in the Summer term:



English

Through English we will begin to explore suspense and tension with writing based on Wolf Brother. This book is an adventure story set thousands of years ago. There is plenty of page turning drama which the children will thoroughly immerse themselves in. Next they will be working on Wonder a book about a boy with a facial disfigurement, which at first alienates him from his new class mates but over time he is able to win them over with his engaging personality.

Mathematics

In Mathematics children will be working on geometry. Children will be learning how to recognise and work out the size of angles, using the information given. They will also be looking at properties of shapes, direction and position.



Science

In Science children will work scientifically by: exploring falling paper cones or cup-cake cases, and designing and making a variety of parachutes and carrying out fair tests to determine which designs are the most effective. They will explore resistance in water by making and testing boats of different shapes. They will design and make products that use levers, pulleys, gears and/or springs and explore their effects.



Computing

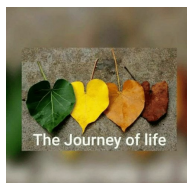
In Computing this term, children will create loops, debug code, build structures, and create their own animations with Minecraft.

In addition, we will be exploring Sketch Up an architectural programme for children.



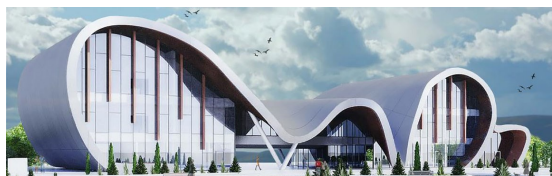
RE

In RE we will focus on the Journey of life and exploring changes. Children will think about the circumstances that change things in people's lives? They will discuss the different rites of passage that pupils can think of or have experienced so far in their lives.



Topic

Children will understand what is meant by construction. They will explore the history of the local area and the buildings that are there. Looking at the local area they will determine the needs of their local community and decide on the purpose of a new building. We will be building links with a local architectural office in the village and explore the role of an architect in designing a new building. Next we will explore the role of an engineer and decide the building design based on accessibility and sustainability. The children will then create a model of the new building using designs and reflect on, evaluate and adapt their designs if necessary. Finally they will share their work at a design fair.



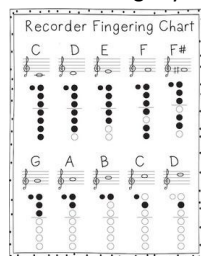
PE

The children will be taking part in netball, cricket and athletic sessions during our lessons this term. We have two weekly PE lessons, which we will be able to develop their many sporting skills. Could you please ensure their PE kit is in school at all times and that all items are clearly labelled.



Music

As Musicians, they will be continuing to develop their Recorder skills with an emphasis on varying and combining rhythms to create new sounds.



P.S.H.C.E.

As members of our community they will be focusing on Relationships. They will work on how to make and maintain friendships and try and solve problems when they occur.



Support at Home

In Year 5 Maths homework is given out on a Monday, it should be returned by Wednesday.

English/Topic homework will now be put on the website and children will be able to select which tasks they will do each Wednesday, it should be returned by the following Monday.

Spellings are also on the website and children will be tested each Thursday. The new spellings for the Summer term will be on the website ready for the new term.

Please listen to your child read daily and encourage them to write a comment in their reading journal. The reading journals will be collected in and checked every Thursday.

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