

Year 5 Newsletter: Spring, Week 8

What have we explored this week?

In English this week, the children have been learning about hyphens and enjoyed exploring words that need a hyphen to avoid ambiguity! For example:

The man eating shark was on the loose.

Vs.

The man-eating shark was on the loose.

In Maths, the children have welcomed the challenge of percentages and finding their equivalent fractions and decimals. Our next topic will focus on calculating the perimeter and area of 2D shapes.

During Science, the children conducted research into a range of endangered animals and began creating posters, leaflets and speeches to present to their classmates next week!

In History, learning about the Shang Dynasty saw the children comparing evidence from history books against archaeological evidence to try to place the Shang kings in chronological order.



Things to Remember

- All children will need football boots, boot bags and a **towel**. Those doing football will need shin pads and those doing contact rugby will need a moulded mouth guard that can stay in school.
- Please may children be reminded to practise their lines for the upcoming Shakespeare Festival Week.
- Spelling Shed activities are set weekly. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings frequently.
- **Wednesday 13th March:** Year 3-6 Trip to the Science Museum as part of Science Week! Normal drop-off and pick-up times remain; a healthy, nut-free packed lunch is required.
- Our fourth Feel Good Friday is nearly upon us! We will be celebrating Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) on **Friday 15th March**. During the day, the children will learn about the work of Comic Relief and how they can support those who are less fortunate. Please see the letter sent by Miss Inglott with details of how we will be raising money for this important cause, as well as information on how to purchase red noses and donate.
- We are looking forward to welcoming parents into our classroom on **Monday 25th March** for a Book Look, from 8:15am to 9am. If you have children in different classes in the Upper School, staff will be on hand to escort you around so that you can see all of your children's brilliant work.
- Please remember to book places (maximum of 2 per family) for Grandparents and Friends morning on the last day of term, **Wednesday 27th March**.
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- Children **will** be swimming on Fridays.