

Shakespeare Primary School and Nursery

Year 5 Newsletter Spring 1 2021

Happy New Year!



Don't Forget...

- Please continue to encourage your children to use their planners to complete homework, learn spellings and read four times a week.
- All our wonderful learning is captured on camera via regular tweets on Twitter. Follow us at @shakespearels9
- Sports Clubs will start up again this week

Important Dates



Lion Learners Tuesday 12th January

In science we will be learning to identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and how adaptation may lead to evolution. Lion learners will be bringing in a range of live species for us to take a closer look.

Swimming Thursday 14th January 5L only

We are pleased to be able to start Y5 swimming lessons again this half term. A separate letter has already been sent home to the parents of 5L who will have their lessons this half term.

D:Side: Wednesday 27th January

D:Side are a drug education charity who have been coming to our school for the last few years. The children enjoy the input, remember the key messages and they always look forward to their next visit. The topics that will be covered in Y5 include:
Solvents / Volatile Substances and effects on the body / Risk Taking / Safe and unsafe household products / Keeping safe.

Friday 12th February: Teacher Training Day

Our Learning Project for Spring 1 is 'Darwin's Delights'

Ship ahoy! We're setting off on an exciting expedition with Charles Darwin and his crew on HMS Beagle. We will be tracing his route in Geography, putting his theories to the test in the science investigation, 'Why do birds have different beaks?' AND using our coding skills to create a 'Darwin's Delights' computer game by using Scratch. As part of our tour we will stop at the magical Galápagos Islands to see the amazing species that helped Darwin develop his theory of evolution by natural selection by using Goggle Earth.

In English we will be reading *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman and creating our own Fantasy Fiction masterpieces. We also hope to be inspired by the work of the WWE and use our persuasive writing skills to create an advert in order to convince Shakespeare staff and families to join the Pledge for our Planet campaign.

In Maths we will investigate the inverse relationship of different operations in mathematics with a focus on written methods for multiplication and division.

Other Areas of Learning

- PE- Sports leadership, gymnastics and swimming (5L only)
- PSHE – Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
- RE- Christianity (journeys)