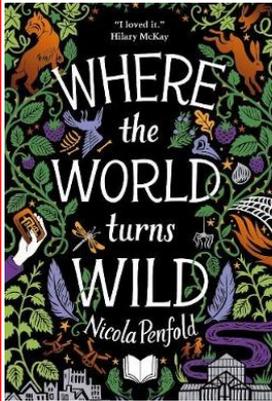


WELCOME BACK YEAR 5!

We have two new class novels



for this half term. Firstly, our novel will be 'Where the World Turns Wild' by Nicola Penfold. Juniper Greene lives in a walled city from which nature has

been banished, following the outbreak of a deadly man-made disease many years earlier. While most people seem content to live in such a cage, she and her little brother, Bear, have always known about their resistance to the disease, and dream of escaping into the wild. Follow their journey to the unknown.

Our second text for the term will be Macbeth, by Shakespeare.

One of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies,

Macbeth tells the story of a man and wife hungry for power but driven mad by their actions.

We will have lots of opportunities to explore

drama and poetry when reading this play, as well as becoming more familiar with texts written in the past.



Staff– Mrs Pickard, Mrs Cooper Miss McLaren and Miss Varley

Welcome back to our final term in Year 5! I can't quite believe how quickly the year has gone so far. The children have given 100% throughout their time in our class this year and I know that they will continue with that amazing attitude for our remaining time in Year 5.

This term, we are joined in class by Miss Varley, and Miss McLaren, our student teacher from Durham University, who will continue to work together with myself and Mrs Cooper within lessons. As always, if you have any concerns, please get in touch via the class email account which is monitored from 8.30-4.30 during term time.

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Mrs Pickard

PE Kit

This term, Year 5 will have PE every week on Thursday. Children can continue to come to school in their PE kit, meaning they do not need to get changed. PE kit is shorts/leggings/joggers, a T-shirt and trainers. Children will also need a hoodie or sweat-shirt as the sessions may be held outdoors.

Children will be encouraged to be as active as possible during playtimes, so suitable shoes should be worn everyday.



Topics

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Local Area	Local History	Animals including humans Properties and changes in materi- als	How people use rituals in their lives (within different reli- gions(

Water bottles

As the weather gets warmer, so does our classroom! Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school with them everyday to keep hydrated.

Homework and support from home.

So far this year, the children have done a fantastic job with reading at home, earning pounds and adding new books to our classroom collection. They are also really enjoying taking books from the Information Station, which can be accessed throughout the school day.

Reading books and reading records need to be in school every day. Reading records are checked on a Monday and new spellings given out then too.

Please continue to support your child with their spelling, reading and times tables homework. It really does make a difference to their work in class. We have TTRockstars, Numbots and Spelling Shed that can all be accessed daily.

Little and often is definitely most beneficial for the children.

Thank you, as always, for all of your ongoing support. :)