Sheringham
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

YEAR FIVE NEWSLETTER

News updates from Sheringham Community Primary School & Nursery

KEY DIARY DATES

27/11/26 Sheringham Lights Switch On – (Light Switch On Choir)
4/12/26 PTA Christmas Event after school (details to follow)
8/12/26 Year 4/5/6 to Norwich Theatre Royal Panto (fully booked)
8/12/26 St Peters Church Year 5 and 6 at 10 am
8/12/26 EACH Concert - Mrs Holness Choir (Gresham Chapel)
10/12/26 Christmas Lunch **– please pre-book prior to 27 November**
15/12/26 Year 4, 5 and 6 Sheringham Little Theatre Panto
17/12/26 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party at 1 pm
18/12/26 – Break Up at 2.30pm

How can we help?
If you have any queries or concerns, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the school office, who will pass any messages on in a timely fashion.

Reading VIPERS

V – Vocabulary
I – Inference
P- Prediction
E – Explanation
R- Retrieval
S – Summarise

If you would like more information about these key reading skills, please ask.

English

English in Year 5 is where we focus upon adding appropriate detail into our written work, using powerful language. We have started the year having read the abridged version of 'The Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde, where we re-visited some of the learning from Year 4 and began to think about learning how to write a diary, which is our writing focus for this half term. We continued on this, with a book called 'The Lost Happy Endings' By Carol Ann Duffy. We are now reading 'Hidden Figures' by Margot Lee Shetterly, which recalls the true story of four black women and the space race and extending our knowledge of English Grammar and Punctuation. In addition, we are working to improving our reading skills in **Guided Reading** whilst working on ''When the Stars Come Out' by Nicola Edwards. We are also really focussing upon accurate letter and number formation in **handwriting**.
Our **spelling**, is connected to the scheme provided on 'EMILE' an online scheme. There are spelling games to help with learning spelling on here, which would be helpful to try at home. The children all have their log in details.

Maths

In **Maths** this term we are working on deepening our understanding of Place Value, Addition and Subtraction in our daily reviews and arithmetic lessons. We are using this understanding to solve different calculations. We are now focussing upon multiplication and division and will move on to fractions before Christmas. We expect the children to practise their skills using Maths Whizz and, if possible, Times Tables Rock Stars each week.

Science

In **Science** this half term the Year 5 focus is learning about Forces. We will enjoy some practical investigations whilst enhancing our knowledge and understanding.

Foundation subjects

In **Geography** this term we are comparing two cities – London and New York.
In **RE** the children are learning about Christianity and Islam, focussing upon how music and art are an important part of religion.
In **Art** we are focussing on the formal elements and perspective.
In **PSHE** we are thinking about mental health and well being
In **French** we are learning the vocabulary connected to musical instruments.
In **PE** we will be focusing on the skills needed when playing hockey.
Next term we will be completing a **DT** unit using pneumatics to make a bridge and learning about the legacy of the Ancient Greeks in **history.**

Homework.

We expect the children to complete **at least** 30 minutes of '**Maths Whizz**' practise each week gaining at least 3 progressions. In addition, all children should be **reading** at least 3 times a week and learning their **spellings**.
Practising reading aloud at home, even when confidently reading is important, as is being read to by an adult, as both increase children's reading accuracy and comprehension.