

Bell Farm Curriculum Newsletter Spring 2017



Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers,
It's been a very exciting term already and we are all looking forward to a very successful 2017. So far this term we have been learning about Kenya in geography, looking at the culture and geographical features of the country. In English we have been studying the short animation 'For the Birds' which has leant itself to writing our own story on the theme of 'bullying', following a familiar structure.

We have also enjoyed learning new strategies in maths through investigations and problem solving. For our science topic we have been learning about different materials and their properties, and in addition how changes can be reversible and irreversible. We can't wait for the Winter Disco and to celebrate World Book day this term!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr Fellowes

What we're learning this term:

English: For the Birds, The Butterfly Lion and There's a Boy in the Girls Bathroom. There will be a focus on cursive handwriting, grammar, spelling and composition of writing.

Maths: All four number operations and applying them to problem solving. *Please encourage your children to use Sumdog at home!*

Science: Animals including humans - Children will be learning how describe the changes as humans develop to old age, including different animals.

Geography: Study of Kenya - including human and physical geography. *Encourage your children to do any extra research that they would like to do at home about this topic.*

RE: How is the Christian faith expressed through worship and reflecting on questions on the Easter Story.

Music: Surrey get Vocal

Coming up soon!

- Parents Evening: Wednesday 1st February (4:30pm - 7pm) and Thursday 2nd February (3:30pm - 6pm)
- Winter Disco for Year 5 is on Wednesday 8th February - 3:30 to 4:30
- World Book Day and English Open Morning - Thursday 2nd March.
- Bikeability - Friday 3rd March
- Surrey Get Vocal Trip - Thursday 16th March

UNCRC - What are we focusing on?

A key part to the daily life for Bell Farm is the United Nations Convention for the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). In year 5 we are really focusing on respecting everyone's rights but especially focusing on Article 13 - that children have the right to express their opinions freely and respecting others opinions. We have been doing this through our Philosophy sessions and PSHE.



Bell Farm Values

This month's value is honesty so we have been listening to assemblies about it and really thinking about what we can do to show this value.

The other values for this term are simplicity and understanding. We hope the children are talking to you about these at home.