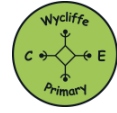


# Year 5 Newsletter

## Spring 2 2024



### All Different – All Equal



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Beech & Laurel



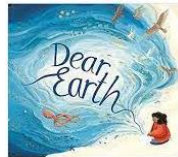
Miss Parkinson, Miss Greaves, Mrs Borson & Miss Anwar

Our topic this half term is:  
**OUR AMAZING PLANET**  
WOULD YOU LIVE IN A PLACE  
LIKE THIS?



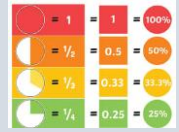
### English

Our class text is Dear Earth. Using this text, we will retell the story from a different point of view. We will also be writing our own debates about renewable energy to our local council.



### Maths

This half term, we are continuing to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will learn to find a fraction of an amount, find equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages and compare and order decimals. We will also learn how to round decimals to the nearest whole and to 1 decimal place.



### GEOGRAPHY / HISTORY

Our learning in Geography will see us continuing our travels around the world. On our travels, we will be visiting Australia, Asia and Europe, learning about the human effects on the Great Barrier Reef, understanding the causes and effects of earthquakes, tsunamis and floods and the effect of volcanoes on settlements. To conclude, we will be deciding where we would most like to live in the world and why.



### Science

In Science, we will be learning about plants. Our learning will include identifying what makes up a plant, what they need to grow and how water is transported within plants. We will also learn about the importance of flowers in the life cycle of flowering plants.



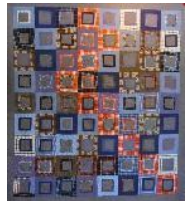
### PE

On a Tuesday we will be going swimming. Please ensure you bring your swimming kit to school every Tuesday. Our other PE lesson (for both classes) will be on a **Thursday**. This half term we will be developing our skills in Tennis. Please remember to come in your full kit, with long hair already tied back. Earrings will need to be removed or please provide tape to cover them.



### DT

**This half term we will be using recycled materials to make a quilt suitable for a small animal. We will design, make and evaluate our product. If you have any spare, unwanted fabric, please send this to school as soon as possible for us to use to make our quilts.**



### RE

This half term our big question is: How can following God bring freedom and justice? In this topic we will be learning about the Old Testament, the story of Moses and how Christians try to bring freedom to others.



### PSHE

Our big question is 'How will we grow and change?'. In this unit, we will be learning about puberty and the changes that happen as we grow. **(Additional communication has been sent out about this).**



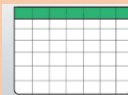
### Music

**In Music, we will be learning our topic song 'It's the Dolphin Symphony', which will be played on the glockenspiels.**



### Computing

In Computing, we will be learning about Flat file databases.



### French

This half term in French our topic is based on clothes. We will learn the nouns for different items of clothing and how to say what we are wearing.



### Homework

Please use the hexagons in your homework folder to produce a piece of work about our amazing planet. This could include researching a place you would like to live and explaining why, learning about the wonders of the world, or anything else related. The ideas on the hexagons in your homework folder can be used or you can think of your own creative idea! Please bring your homework in as soon as it is done so that we can produce a display outside our classroom or at the latest by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

### Reading, Spellings and Learn by Hearts

In school, we aim to read with your child at least once a week. Please therefore ensure that your reading record and reading book are in school daily. Remember to record your home reading, which should be as often as possible but at least twice a week. Use Accelerated Reader regularly, ensuring that you complete the quiz after each book- don't forget to record your quiz scores in the back of your diary! Timestable Rockstars and Spelling Frame should also be accessed regularly- please use your login which is in your reading record. Spellings and Learn by Hearts should be learnt ready for our weekly test on a Friday. Ensure homework folders are in school every Friday.

