

# Year 5 Newsletter



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ACADEMY

## Term 5

### Key Dates for the Diary

Year 5 Residential	Wednesday 19th April - Friday 21st April
Deadline for home learning project	Thursday 18th April
Open classrooms for celebration afternoon	Thursday 25th May - 2:30pm
Sierra Leone Link Football Tournament (Y5/Y6)	Wednesday 24th May

### PE

PE will continue to be on a Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon.

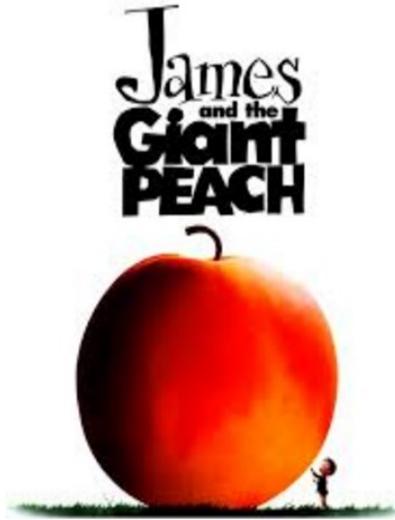
It is essential that children have a change of clothing for PE and the following items are required.

- Rubber soled plimsolls or trainers
- White plain t-shirt
- Black gym shorts

### CELEBRATION AFTERNOONS

To support parents in celebrating their child's achievements with them, we will be offering 'Celebration Open Afternoons' from Term 5 onwards. Parents are invited to join us in our classrooms on **Thursday 25th May** at **2.30pm**. We hope to see

### LIFT OFF!



This term we will be reading 'James and the Giant Peach', by Roald Dahl. This 'wiz-popping' novel will inspire this term's topic 'Lift Off!' We will be looking at objects in flight and on the water, recognising that pulleys and levers allow objects to move.

We will be writing our own adaptations of James and the Giant Peach, combining story writing with geographical discoveries as we learn about a region of South America.

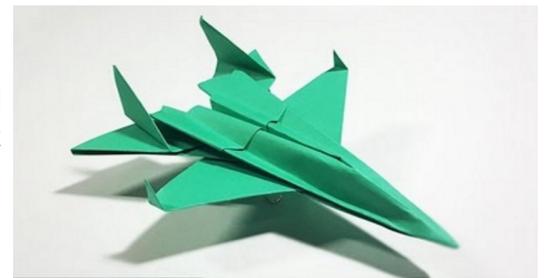


PE this term will be athletics and children will be developing their skills in running, jumping and throwing.

### HOME LEARNING

This term our home learning project will be to write an imaginative story which could be inspired by 'James and the Giant Peach'.

We are also looking for pupils to create their own model plane, in keeping with our science topic. These model planes will be judged on their ability to keep in flight for the longest (not necessarily how far they fly!)



The deadline for these will be Thursday 18th May. Their stories will be rehearsed and the children will have the option to share these with parents on the celebratory afternoon.

### BONES AND FEATHERS

Last term Year 5 read the novel 'Skellig' by David Almond. Both classes created some fabulous setting descriptions and pupils put themselves in the character's shoes to create diary extracts from key characters.

In science we looked at the life cycles of different flowers, birds and amphibians. Birds were a key theme in the text and we were lucky enough to have some real life nesting birds outside the classroom!

We looked closely at different flowers and observed the different parts of the flower through dissection. Alongside this, we are monitoring the growth of our class sunflowers.