

Year 5 Newsletter



THE BAIRD
PRIMARY
ACADEMY

Term 4

Key Dates for the Diary

KS2 Parents' Evening	Wednesday 28th February 2pm—6pm
World Book Day	Thursday 1st March
Trip to Alexandra Park (free)	Tuesday 13th March
Around The World Theme Day	Monday 26th March
Around The World Celebration Afternoon	Thursday 29th March
Home learning deadline	Friday 23rd March

PARENT PAY

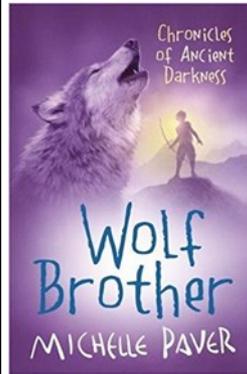
We are still waiting for a few parents who have not signed up for this yet. If you have lost your original log in details, please see the office staff who will provide you with a new set. It is really important that this is done as soon as possible so that we can use it for future school trips.

USEFUL WEBSITES

PURPLE MASH—the school has a subscription to this amazing website, which has lots of activities to support your children's learning in many subjects. They can sing their times tables in different musical styles. They can test themselves on their grammar and spellings for Year 5. There are many games for them to play as well. Your child will be bringing home their personal log in details this week. Please encourage them to log on and further their learning at home.

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to term 4! We hope you are feeling recharged after the half term break.



QUEST

This term our core text is *Wolf Brother* by Michelle Paver and the children will be developing their skills in writing adventure stories and poetry. The children will read about a stone-age boy who sets out alone to defeat the forces of evil. This links really well with our other subjects where we will be learning about living things and their habitats, as well as learning to read maps in Geography and Orienteering in PE.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION

If your child enjoyed the story of *Skellig*, why not try '*My Name is Mina*', also by David Almond. You should be able to find this in the local library.

HOME LEARNING

Your task this term is to create a model of a habitat for an animal of your choice. You could create it from a shoe box, make a backdrop with moving parts, create a multimedia presentation with sounds and animation.....the choices are endless, so get creating!!!!
The deadline for these marvellous creations is **Friday 23rd March**.

Spellings—these will be sent home on a Friday in the children's Home Learning books for them to learn for a test the following Thursday. We ask that the Home Learning books are returned to school with evidence of spelling practise by the Wednesday of the following week.

Reading—our expectation is that all children should be reading with an adult at home **5 times a week** and this should be recorded in their Reading Record, **which needs to be in school every day**.

Book Busters Challenge is continuing and can be part of the weekly reading. We would really love to see more children achieving their 20 minutes target on a Wednesday evening—at the moment Curlews are beating Egrets hands down!

Please support your child with all of their home learning tasks. We are happy to provide any support for you to do this.

PE DAYS

PE is a compulsory subject and we have noticed that there is **STILL** a significant number of children in Year 5 with no PE kit in school on a regular basis.

All children **WILL** take part in the lessons unless we have a note from home with a valid reason why they can't. PE kit **MUST** be worn and consist of a plain white T-shirt, black shorts and appropriate footwear (plimsolls or trainers), **clearly marked with your child's name**.

Curlews— Tuesdays and Fridays

Egrets—Tuesdays and Thursdays