

Year 5 Newsletter



THE BAIRD
PRIMARY
ACADEMY

Term 3



SKELLIG

DAVID
'Simply brilliant'
OBSERVER
ALMOND

David Almond has also written The Fire Eaters and Jackdaw Summer which I have greatly enjoyed and highly recommend if your child enjoys 'Skellig'. Please encourage your child to read at home!

Key Dates for the Diary

24.01.19	Year 5 assembly - 9.00am
05.02.19	Theme Day Safer Internet Day
14.02.19	Celebration afternoon - 2.30pm
15.02.19	End of term 3

COATS

Please ensure your child has an appropriate coat with them at school this winter, as well as a hat, scarf and gloves etc. We will be outside regardless of the chilly weather so please ensure your child is dressed for this! Thank you.

WINGS

This term year 5 will be reading the excellent book Skellig by David Almond. To tie in with this we will be doing two exciting art projects. Firstly we will design and build a junk filled garage as featured in the book. Secondly we will be sculpting 'Mod-roc' around pipe cleaners to make a Skellig figure. We will then be designing moveable wings. We hope to share our creations with you at our Celebration Afternoon at the end of the term!

In Science we are learning about forces of gravity, air and water resistance, and exploring pulleys in DT.

Our PSHE is going to be about getting along with others, and ways in which there are similarities and differences between everyone, which do not have to lead to fear or dislike. We hope the children will enjoy their learning this term and look forward to sharing it with you.



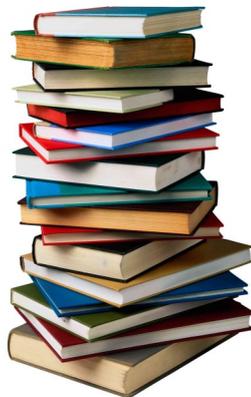
HOME LEARNING

We would like the children to build a model that shows how a lever works? We will send out a sheet of ideas later this week!

READING

Please ensure your child is reading at home! They can read anything they like (they do have a book band level but at home are free to read whatever they choose, including comics, magazines etc.)

Children who read at home make far more progress than those who do not and reading also encourages the development of vocabulary, as well as writing skills.



When you hear your child read please record it in their journal. If they read to themselves they can write their own comment for an adult at home to sign.

We expect children to read at home at least 5 times a week. Even very strong readers benefit from sometimes reading to an adult and discussing their books. Ask your child to tell you about our reading strategies: Inference, summarising, clarifying, evaluating, predicting, making links and questioning.

PE DAYS

Our PE days are still Tuesday and Thursdays so please ensure the children have appropriate kit including correctly sized plimsolls. They will be indoors for both PE sessions this term.