

15th April 2024

Dear Parents,

Year 5 Summer Term Activities 2024

This term the children in Year 5 will be involved in the following activities:

Gamelan Workshop

On **Friday 7th June**, we look forward to an exciting opportunity to play in a traditional Indonesian gong orchestra, known as a Gamelan. This word comes from the Javanese word 'gamel', which means 'hammer' and the orchestra consists of a number of gongs, drums and metallophones (like xylophones) of various shapes and sizes played with small hammers to maintain a rhythmic flow. Expert tutors will guide the children in how to play the instruments successfully together, during a workshop in which several pieces of music are introduced and there are enough instruments for every child to participate.

Bees Workshop

We are delighted to welcome the Farnham Beekeepers who will be giving a talk about honeybees and pollinators. There will be worksheets and bee-themed activities for the children to follow up in class. This workshop will take place on **Thursday 13th & Friday 14th June**.

Science Show

On **Monday 1st July**, we have booked a Science Show with Professor Brainstorm. The Professor will perform many exciting, puzzling, and fascinating experiments designed to stimulate, entertain and educate.

In order for these events to take place we should be grateful to receive a voluntary contribution of £8.00 towards the cost of the activities together with the completed consent form – all of which can be accessed via Parent Pay.

RSHE

Year 5 IN THE Summer Term will start to expand on the RHSE (Relationship, Sex and Health Education) part of the science curriculum. The children will be learning about the physical changes which occur during puberty for both females and males. The focus will be on the physical developments and will explain the scientific reasons for these changes. This also coincides with lessons in PSHE which focus on the ways in which we keep ourselves healthy and clean and how this is affected by puberty. During these lessons, pupils will be able to ask questions, which will be answered factually in an age-appropriate manner. Each pupil's privacy will be respected, and no one will be asked to reveal personal information. RSHE is a carefully planned curriculum and is there to ensure our pupils can navigate the world around them safely. An un-informed child is often a child left vulnerable and we want to enable them to make informed decisions about their future wellbeing, health and relationships. All content included in our curriculum is statutory and therefore children cannot be withdrawn from these lessons. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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Headteacher: **Miss Esther Whitbourn**

This completes our educational visits and workshops for Year 5. May I thank you for all your help and support throughout the year.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Rebecca Dyl
Year 5 Leader



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