

# Year 5 News 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025



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### What we've been learning recently

English – We have continued our journey with *The Shark Caller*, delving deeper into the plot and characters. This week, we used our oracy skills to debate whether keeping exotic animals is ethical, followed by writing persuasive texts from the perspective of one of the novel's main characters.

Maths – We've wrapped up our unit on decimals and percentages, and we were all amazed by the fantastic results from the end-of-unit assessments! Now, we're diving into the concepts of area and perimeter, where we'll be measuring and calculating in more exciting ways.

Wider Curriculum – In Science, we've been exploring everyday materials and their properties. The children were given a challenge to find the perfect material for a flask that would keep Mrs. Callaghan's coffee warm for as long as possible. Their problem-solving skills really shone through! We took part in an important PSHE lesson, where we learned all about emergency aid – we even practised the recovery position.

## Over the next fortnight we will be...

- Continue exploring *The Shark Caller*, focusing on creating vivid setting descriptions and developing character voice through writing and role-playing exercises.
- Deepen our understanding of perimeter and area, applying these concepts to real-world problems and developing strategies for solving complex measurement challenges.
- Investigate the properties of everyday materials and their practical uses

#### **Important Notices**

**PE Kit** – A reminder that our PE day is Wednesday for the remainder of this term. Please ensure your child wears their full PE kit on these days.

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#### **Shining Stars**

Congratulations to our Shining Stars from the last two weeks for demonstrating our school values.

5B – Riley, Brodey, Oscar, Eva

5W – Joe, Joey, Ezrae, Sophie