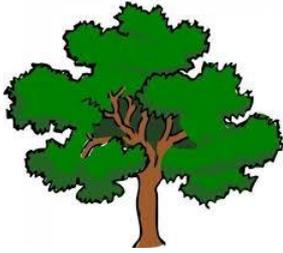


# Year 5 Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that you had a relaxing Christmas break. This information sheet will give a broad outline of the work your child will be undertaking this term. We hope you will find it useful. If you have any queries, please see your child's class teacher. In our teaching, we make cross-curricular links with other subjects to not only enhance and embed the children's learning, but also for their enjoyment. These links are detailed below.

## **MATHEMATICS:**

In maths, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages and the links between these strategies. We will also be recapping our knowledge on 2D and 3D shapes, as well as place value of large 5 digit numbers and decimals. Finally, we will be learning all about prime numbers, factors and multiples and using our knowledge to solve problems.

## **ENGLISH:**

In English this term, our writing topic will be linked to our Geography topic of Extreme Earth. We will be discovering all about the disaster in Pompeii and becoming journalists. Also, we will be writing explanation texts about Volcanoes. Following this, we will be delving into the world of William Shakespeare and analysing his classic tragedy- Macbeth.

## **SCIENCE:**

The Science units this term will be continuing and completing our work on Space and then moving onto our new topic of Materials. We will be learning about the everyday uses of materials and carrying out lots of exciting experiments to test their different properties.

## **TOPIC:**

Our topic this term is Extreme Earth. To start the topic '*stunningly*', we will be building an active volcano & seeing how it erupts. Following this will be researching and learning all about Volcanos, Tsunamis, Earthquakes and extreme weather. At the end of Spring 2, for our '*excellent ending*', we will be experiencing a fantastic Earth Explorer workshop.

**R.E.:** Our new topic is looking at the Jewish faith. We will be looking at the main beliefs and celebrations of Judaism.

**P.S.H.E:** In PSHE we will be looking at why and how money matters in today's world.

**DT:** Even though we have finished our Victorian topic, we will now get to build some classic Victorian moving CAM toys. This topic will be carried out over the duration of 1 week to maximize our creative time.

**P.E./GAMES:** In PE, Hazel will go swimming first on a Tuesday at 1:30pm; followed by Ash at 2pm. Cedar will be swimming on a Wednesday at 2pm. During spring 1 we will be carrying on with gymnastics looking at sequences and performance, using a range of apparatus. Spring 2 we will be furthering our dance skills, with our new topic of Brazilian style dancing.

**READING:** Please ensure that your child brings in their reading book and reading record to school every day. Children are most welcome to read their own choices of book or to use the facilities in the library (year 5 library day is Friday at 1pm) to choose a book of their choice or to enjoy a quiet lunchtime catching up on some reading. All children will be heard reading in class during guided reading. Individual reading will also take place.

**TIMES TABLES:** Practise your times tables every night for at least 10 minutes; it is essential to have a good understanding of your times tables, as we use them every day. The school has also introduced a fun, new times tables initiative called: '**Times Table Rockstars!**' We hope that you enjoy this app/website and use it to practise and challenge your friends. Usernames and passwords for the children were given out during parents evening and have been stuck in homework diaries.

**HOMEWORK:** Children will receive their homework on a Friday and it is due in on the following Wednesday. It will consist of English homework sometimes relating to the genre during the lesson (e.g. instructions or newspaper articles.) Also, practise of spelling rules and patterns will come out weekly, alongside SPaG homework. Finally, one piece of maths; this will either be written work from the skill they have been learning in the lesson, or online Mathematics practise.

Homework will be given out and collected as follows:

Subject	Day	Hand in by/diary signed by	Response
Reading (10 minutes)	Daily	Friday	Fill in your diary reading record. Tick off books on the genre list at the back.
Maths (20mins)	Friday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.
English - Spellings (30 minutes)	Friday	Wednesday	Complete task and hand in.
Topic / Science	Autumn 1: Space project (science.) Spring 2: Natural disaster project (Geography.)	Date given by class teacher	Complete task and hand in.

**CONTACT:** Teachers are usually available for quick queries at the end of the school day. Please write any notes in your child's reading record and ask your child to show this to their teacher at the start of the school day. If a matter needs a longer discussion, please write to your child's teacher to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time. We will be very happy to see you.

We hope your child continues to enjoy year 5 this term, as we have a lot of exciting things coming our way!

Yours sincerely,

The Year 5 Team