



Year 5's Newsletter – Autumn 1

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Welcome back!

We hope you all had a fantastic summer and we welcome you back to this new academic year! We hope you are refreshed after the break and ready for a fun and exciting year of learning.

Creative Curriculum

Our new topic for this half term is Extreme Earth. Within this topic, we will be focusing on geography skills. This will include: looking at natural disasters, the reasons they happen, the cause of the disaster and the impact they have on the environment. By the end of the half term, the children will write an information text about natural disasters, and they will build a replica of a volcano and use cross curricular skills to make it explode!

Science

Our topic in science is properties and changes of materials. We will provide children with opportunities to understand the changes a material goes through such as chemical reactions, how these reactions are used in daily scenarios and experiment how to separate fluids and solids.

Computing

As part of our computing topic, we will focus on developing the children's web design skills to create a website based on their research of natural disasters. The children will learn many key aspects to creating a website such as: altering the design, inserting digital media and menu bars and links to refer you to other pages. They will also be using these websites to inform the public about the natural disasters they have researched.

Mathematics

We will continue to do work on 'calculations', 'space and shape', 'data handling' and 'problems solving' in mathematics. This term we will cover addition and subtraction of numbers with five or more digits, equivalent fractions as well as learning key vocabulary that could include multiples, factors and prime numbers.

English

This term we will be focusing on writing a narrative story. To allow the children to become effective authors in this genre, we will be studying the text 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. This will provide a high level example of what is expected within this topic. By the end of the unit, the children will have written their own narrative story based on a child being reunited with their family after a natural disaster.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone that has made sure their child has started the school year looking very smart and is following our uniform expectations. Please make sure your child wears their uniform every day, and all of the uniform has their name clearly on one of the labels. This is to ensure we can locate any lost items.

Upcoming Events

PE Day – Thursday and Friday
5EB's Swimming Day – Wednesday
Natural History Museum –
Monday 10th October 2016

Half Term Task



In our creative topic, we have a focus on Geography. To consolidate the children's learning, we would like them to create a pop-up book all about natural disasters. The pop-ups could be images such as waves from a tsunami or a volcano erupting – the more creative, the better! These will then be celebrated and displayed around the classroom/school for children to see and enjoy. We look forward to seeing some creative ideas!

Due Friday 14th October



Homework

Please support your child at home with learning their times tables and doing the English and maths activities that we set for homework. All of the children have access to Mathletics and will be bringing their login details home, so please encourage your child to log on to Mathletics and practice their different mathematical skills.