



## Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2021

### Happy New Year and welcome back!

This term we will be working on the theme of “Extreme Earth” and each of our subjects will interlink with this core theme.

#### English

In English this term we will be reading Carol Ann Duffy’s ‘The Lost Happy Endings.’ This will give many opportunities for extended pieces of creative writing. We will also be exploring other core texts such as ‘Shackleton’s Journey’ which relates to our current topic – Extreme Earth. From this the children will create their own narratives, diaries, explanation texts and newspaper articles.

#### Maths

Some of the topics we will be covering in Maths are place value, decimals, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages, measurement and statistics, mass and capacity, position and direction. You can help at home by practising all the times tables and the matching division facts, as this will help children in many of the above areas.

**Theme Based Learning-** We are learning about “Extreme Earth”. We will be carrying out lots of cross-curricular work related to this topic.

**Science** - Our topic is “properties and changes of materials”. We will focus on learning about mixing, separating and burning materials, as well as reversible and irreversible changes.

**Art and DT** – In conjunction with our theme this term, we will be looking at modern artists and how they can inspire us to create pieces of art linked to Extreme Earth i.e. volcanic landscapes.

#### Notices

- PE continues to be on a Wednesday and your child should come to school dressed in their full PE kit.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned by Tuesday. We will continue to send homework that is related to our class theme as well as weekly Mathletics assignments. It is very important that homework is completed on time and that the presentation of the work is of a high standard.
- Children should read every night and write an account of what they have read in their reading journals. These journals are where homework is written and parents should sign them every week to say their child has read and completed the homework tasks given. **A commitment to spending 15 minutes on this will have a real impact on your child’s progress.**
- During these unprecedented times, we will be supporting your home learning by providing weekly learning grids as well as weekly phone calls. We hope that by doing this, we can maintain the wonderful St. John’s community that we have built together over the years. We are looking forward to seeing all of your fantastic home learning via our class email - **[year5@st-john.southwark.sch.uk](mailto:year5@st-john.southwark.sch.uk)**.

**Thank you for your continued support.**