



## Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2022

### 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 exploring ‘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. We will also be reading Michael Morpurgo’s ‘Kaspar’, which will give many opportunities for creative writing.

#### 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-** This term is a Geography focus. We will be learning about “Extreme Earth, Climate Zones and Biomes. We will be learning about different biomes and different climate zones, natural disasters and their causes and the impact such disasters can have on our planet.

**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 Art, we will be exploring the artwork of international artists, Kenojuak Ashevak, Hokusai and Andy Warhol and creating work in those styles. In DT, we will be working on clay modelling and will be creating volcanoes which will link to our topic of ‘Extreme Earth’.

#### Notices

- PE is on a Wednesday — your child needs to come dressed in their PE kits.
- Homework will be given out on a Friday and will need to be returned by Tuesday. We will continue to send home the new text books that were introduced last term with an additional piece of homework that is related to our class theme. 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.**

**Thank you for your continued support.**