

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Autumn Term 1

### The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

#### Class 8



Miss Barnicoat



Mrs Tillotson

#### Class 9



Miss Chambers

#### Class 10



Mr Kershaw



Mr Adamson

### English

During this term, both Years 5 and 6 will be using their geographical and historical skills when studying natural disasters. They will be creating their own persuasive leaflet to try and encourage people to live in the foothills of a volcano! They will also then be creating their own narrative based around the devastating tsunami that struck Japan in 2011. They will be using dialogue to advance the action!

### Maths

We will be further developing and strengthening our knowledge of place value. UKS2 will begin to read, write, order and compare large numbers up to 10 million. Fluency 15 will continue to run in each session with students practising times tables and basic mental maths. Pupils will continue to use *Mathletics* and *TT Rockstars*.

### Forest School

This term, we will be having a Forest School day every Week 1 (Monday) and a Forest School afternoon every Week 2 (Monday). Pupils must attend school wearing suitable outdoor clothing (not school uniform) for the whole day. This will allow students to experience a range of activities including foraging, fire lighting and using tools. We will be linking some of our Forest School sessions to our Natural Disasters topic.

### Topic: Natural Disasters

This term Years 5 and 6 will be exploring natural disasters from all around the world. They will be studying what causes them, what the effects of them are and how we may be able to reduce the impact they have. Already on our transition days our pupils built 'earthquake proof' buildings with great success. We look forward to challenging them even further!

### Science/French/Computing

Within science, pupils will be working scientifically to develop their own hypotheses, methodology and conclusions based on gathered evidence. This will be done through a range of exciting experiments exploring different aspects of science—starting with natural disasters!

In French, we will be developing our knowledge of being able to talk all about ourselves.

In computing, we will begin by looking at E-safety and how our pupils can ensure they are using the internet safely and effectively.

### Homework

All pupils should be reading three times a week at home with an adult.

Please continue to encourage your child to use *Times Table Rockstars* and *Spelling Shed* regularly at home.

There is also an optional homework which can be viewed on the website.

### PE

We love PE in Year 5/6 and we have lots of exciting, energetic and, most importantly, fun activities planned for the year ahead! Therefore, it is really important that we are kitted out correctly. Pupils should attend school wearing their PE kits on the designated days—these are a Week 1 (Thursday) and a Week 2 (Tuesday and Friday). Please visit the school website to see the PE uniform requirements.

### Dates for your Diary

11.09.24—Parent Event—Meet the teacher—3:20pm

18.09.24—Year 6 residential meeting—2:50pm

10.10.24—Wear yellow for Mental Healthy Day