

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2

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English

During this term, both Years 5 and 6 will be using the story 'Escape from Pompeii' to write a formal letter of complaint to the President of Colombia following the eruption of Nevado del Ruiz. They will discuss the lack of any support for the city in the aftermath and explain the action they want taking. Following this, they will be creating their own adventure narratives taking the readers on a journey of hope!

Maths

Over the course of this half term, Year 5 and 6 will be looking at the four operations, starting with addition and subtraction. Initially, they will become more familiar with the formal written methods for these, before applying their knowledge to multi-step reasoning problems. We will also be demonstrating how the use of bar models can support our understanding of reasoning problems.

Forest School

In the run up to Christmas, our pupils will be developing their outdoor skills in order to survive in a variety of situations that a natural disaster may place them in. They will be focussing on constructing waterproof shelters, lighting fires and outdoor cooking. This will commence with a natural disasters day, where they will also be completing basic first aid training and orienteering.

Humanities: Natural Disasters

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. We will be looking at the natural disasters that have taken place and the impact they have had on the world and modern day life. We will specifically the impact they have on the economies of these countries.

Science/French/Computing

Within science, we will be starting our new topic—electricity! We will be exploring the impact of the discovery of electricity, creating our own circuits and conducting experiments that analyse the effect of current and voltage on the components of a circuit.

In French, we will be developing our knowledge about families and strengthening our understanding of French grammar. We will also learn about how French countries celebrate Christmas.

In computing, we will be looking computer networks and how the world uses them!

Homework

All pupils should be:

Reading 3 x per week with an adult.

TT Rockstars 3 x per week.

Spelling Shed 3 x per week

There is also optional half-termly homework to complete.

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

7th Nov—Natural disasters day

11th Nov—Year 6 eyes and weight check

22nd Nov—Takeover day

25th Nov—Now > Press > Play engineer visit

26th and 27th—Parent Consultations