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## Spring Term 2021 – Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year and welcome back after the Christmas holidays. It is so wonderful to see the children back in school. The children have had a good start this week, and we are so proud of them for settling well after two weeks' holidays, continuing to apply the rules and routines of Key Stage 2 and engaging in learning with enthusiasm. Across the year, we have planned many exciting experiences with cross-curricular links and opportunities which we are looking forward to sharing with both the children and yourselves. Below gives you an overview of the different subjects across the curriculum.

### **English**

We will be looking at persuasive text, linked to our topic about mountains. We will also be writing explanation texts linked to our science topic - forces. In the second part of the term, we will be writing instructions, linked to our history topic and writing newspaper articles. We will continue developing our grammar reading skills. Children will now be bringing home books to read, so please continue encouraging children to read at home.

### **Spelling**

The children will continue to receive weekly spellings on Spelling Shed. Please encourage your child to continue practising their spellings.

### **Maths**

The focus of our Maths this term will be on fractions, decimals and percentages. We will also be applying this knowledge into word problems. In the second part of the term, we will be learning about time and measures, including volume. As always, the children will be improving their basic times table and arithmetic skills; these will be tested on a regular basis.

Please support your children in practising all of their times tables. Children should practise their times tables on Rockstars and work towards an opportunity to earn a Rockstar Hero Status and certificates.

### **Science**

This term in Science we will be learning about forces. Children will also be learning about Earth and Space.

### **Geography**

We will be learning about mountains, including doing some map work.

### **History**

The children will be learning about an ancient civilisation - The Maya.

### **PSHE**

We will learn about safety and the changing body. In the second part of the term, we will be learning about citizenship.

### **RE**

Children will be learning about the Judaism - Pesach (Passover).

### **Computing**

We will be learning about coding using Micro:bit and a topic linked to the Mars Rover..

### **PE**

PE lessons will be on the following days:

- 5 New Zealand                      Fridays
- 5 Fiji                                      Mondays
- 5 Tuvalu                                  Mondays

During the PE lessons this term, we will be doing gymnastics and net games. **Please ensure children wear the correct PE uniform to school on their PE days- navy blue or black joggers, white t-shirt or polo shirt and full black trainers or plimsolls.**

### **Spanish**

For the duration of this year, we will be learning Spanish with Mrs. Steadman. This term we will be focusing on shopping and the alphabet.

### **Art**

In art we will be making 3D Mayan masks, focussing on form and texture.

### **D&T**

The children will be learning about mechanisms (pulleys and gears). In the second part of the term, they will be doing food technology - baking bread.

### **Sustainable Travel to School - Scooter Pods and Bike Shelters**

Whenever possible, we encourage children to walk to school. If they also use other sustainable means of travel such as a scooter or a bike, we have scooter pods and bike shelters available for the children to lock them away safely.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children to achieve their full potential.

### **Other notices**

School **starts at 8:40 a.m.** and **finishes at 3.10 p.m.** Please arrive promptly so that your child does not miss any of the school day.

Please encourage your child to go to bed at a reasonable time in order for them to function properly the next day. Lack of sleep has a detrimental effect on learning.

Finally, a polite reminder that children need to be in full school uniform at all times. Ties can be purchased from the office. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

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**Ms Ayton**  
**5 New Zealand**

**Ms Edwards**  
**5 Fiji**

**Ms Miller-Teece**  
**5 Tuvalu**