



Welcome to the Year 5 Class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is: **MOUNTAINS, RIVERS & COASTS**

How do mountains, rivers and coasts shape our world?

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English

In English, we will be reading a new book, 'There's a Boy in The Girls' Bathroom', looking at balanced arguments. To get us into this type of writing, we debated the question: 'Should children wear a school uniform?' We will examine the structure and features of this genre and then write a balanced argument linked to issues in the story.

Later in the term, we will be learning the suspense story 'The Old Mill' by Pie Corbett. By analysing the story, we will learn the techniques of building excitement and suspense through whispers and warnings.

Maths

In Maths, we will be consolidating our understanding of fractions in relation to decimals and percentages. Later in the term, we will move onto geometry, focusing on properties of shape and position and direction. Lastly, our learning will cover measurement and how to convert between a range of different units.

Throughout this term, we will continue to perfect our basic skills. This will include times tables, inverse division facts, multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 and practising the four operations.

Geography

This term, we will be learning about mountains, rivers and coasts. This will cover: the components of the water cycle; how rivers erode, transporting and depositing materials to produce particular landscape features; and the characteristics of a river system. We will be learning how geographical features are marked on a map. Additionally, the children will be asking geographical questions and suggesting ways to find answers to them e.g. Why are big cities near rivers?

Science

This term, we will get the opportunity to observe, describe and compare the life cycles of living things other than humans. We will learn about the life cycle of insects, amphibians, mammals, reptiles and birds. Children will also have the opportunity to learn about the reproduction of different plants.



Music

The children will continue to receive weekly guitar tuition. They will consolidate and build on their knowledge of musical notes and develop their improvisation skills.

This is in addition to our weekly whole school singing assemblies with Mr Prescott.

PE

In outdoor PE, the children will be learning **cricket skills**, including: practising their throwing and catching, batting, and bowling and fielding. This will be led by the sports coach. In indoor PE, the children will learn dance linked to their Geography topic of Mountains, Rivers and Coasts. The children will practise using different parts of their body to understand movement, shape and form to communicate ideas, feelings and thoughts.

Art

Our whole school focus this term for Art is 'Take One Book'. The school will be looking closely at the book 'A River' by Marc Martin picking out different objects and themes. We will be creating artwork linked to the picture, which will include drawing, painting and sculpture.

Computing

In computing this term, we will use physical computing to explore the concept of selection in programming through the use of the Crumble programming environment. In internet safety lessons this term, we will be learning about when we use the internet for games and social media, we are building an online reputation that people will make a judgement of us. We will be discussing ways to ensure our online presence leaves a positive impression of ourselves.

RE

In RE, we are learning about Sikhism and in particular how the Gurdwara is a centre for worship—the expression of Sikh values. We will also look at why the Guru Granth Sahib is 'The Everlasting Guru'. Later on, we will be looking at what it means to belong to the Sikh Community, the importance of Guru Gobind Singh and the significance of the Amrit Ceremony.

PSHE

In PSHE this term, we will be learning about mental health and emotional wellbeing and how we deal with feelings.

Reminders

Jewellery: The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

Uniform: Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

We endeavour to be a nut free school. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.

Birthdays: If you would like to make a gift of a book for the class to celebrate your child's birthday, that would be much appreciated.

Water bottles: Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, **each day**.

PE : Outdoor PE for both classes is on **Wednesdays**, for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers/shorts and trainers or plimsolls.

Indoor PE is on **Tuesdays**. Please remember your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

Your child should come in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

Home Learning

Mathletics: Maths homework will continue to be set. Please encourage your child to complete it and let us know if they have any problems accessing it.

Big Cat books online and books from the Class library: We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record an activity in their journal.

Grammar or spellings on Google Classroom:

The Class teacher will add these to the Class stream on your classroom.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the 'Take away tasks'. If your child completes one, please encourage them to bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work.

Important dates



Bank holidays:

Monday 1st May

Monday 8th May

Half term

Monday 29th May —

Friday 2nd June

Inset Days:

Friday 26th May

Monday 5th June

Open morning:

Tuesday 4th July

Parents Evening:

Thursday 6th July

Last day of term:

Thursday 20th July