



Foxes and Hedgehogs Autumn newsletter



Welcome to year 5. We have been doing a lot of fun activities to support the children's health and well-being since they returned to school.

We strongly believe in the partnership between school and parents in every child's learning. Each term we will send home a curriculum newsletter outlining the work your children will be covering. We hope this will help you to support your child at home.

We will give out homework every Friday to be handed in the following Thursday. Reading Diaries should be handed in every Thursday too. Look out for exciting topic homework!

If you require an appointment at any time to discuss anything, please contact the school office who will be happy to arrange a mutually agreeable time.

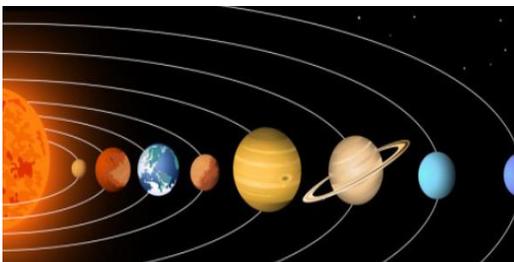
Kind regards from the year 5 team 😊

Topic and Science

Our first topic is 'Extreme environments'.



We will discuss different environments including Polar regions, Volcanic regions and the Rainforest. This will involve lots of exciting map work and research on survival. The children will create artwork with acrylics on canvas.



In science we will be looking at Earth and space. Children will learn how to describe the movement of the Earth and other planets, relative to the Sun in the solar system. We will discuss the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night.

PE

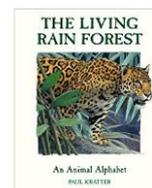
In PE the children will be taught ball skills, team work and fitness through football and hockey. They will be taught dance, then design and perform their own routine in small groups.

Please ensure an outdoor PE kit is in school each day.



English

In English this term, we will be focusing on a range of writing types for different audiences and purposes. This will include using texts that are linked to 'Extreme environments'. We will also be writing information texts, newspapers and diary entries as some of our other writing.



We will be having daily spelling lessons looking at common exception words, homophones and a range of spelling patterns. Please support your child with their weekly spelling test practice. In PAG (Punctuation and Grammar) we will focus on the use of conjunctions and descriptive language.

Maths

In year 5, we will be striving to continue to build upon our mathematical skills and understanding by further developing our knowledge of:

- Place Value and ordering numbers, including negative numbers and roman numerals.
- The conversion of units (for example, this could be using time, money, weights and volume)
- Improving mental methods, rounding and estimating skills.
- Times tables and corresponding division facts will be a main focus in mental maths lessons. Please support your child practising these at home.

RE



In RE lessons this term we will introduce Judaism. The children will learn about the concept of Family life for Jews through Shabbat.

PSHE



This term the children will discuss how to make their community a better place, thinking about everyone's right to learn. They will learn how to care about people's feelings and how to work well with others.

