

# Term 3 & 4 Newsletter 2023

## Class 5 New Explorers

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*For Learning That Lasts  
A Lifetime.*



Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year! May I thank you for the wonderful Christmas gifts, it really was extremely kind of you and greatly appreciated, thank you so much.

### Learning and Exploring

The children have made a great start to the New Year. They are building on their learning from last term; demonstrating their enthusiasm when exploring this term's new topics.

**Literacy:** In class, this term we are reading the brilliant adventure book; *The Train to Impossible Places* by P.G. Bell. We will be comparing the author's style of writing with previous class books and discovering how different writers create settings and characters by using imagery. We will be exploring how the use of describing emotions and atmosphere bring excitement to the text and engage the reader. We are also going to be focusing on the imagery created in the famous poem; *Tiger, Tiger, Burning Bright*.

We put great emphasis on the importance of reading regularly; please encourage your child to develop good reading habits. Aim for them to spend some time every day immersed in the adventures of their own book. At school we will focus on improving their comprehension skills and further develop their creative writing skills.

**Mathematics:** We are looking at understanding the use of various multiplication and division facts. Children will develop their methods in explaining how they have used a calculation successfully. We will be focusing on understanding fractions and learn how important they are in our everyday life. The children are becoming much more skilled with their tables knowledge and are keen to show how they can complete their 'multiplication quiz' in under 60 seconds.

**Science:** We will be exploring the Science of Forces this term. We will investigate how some forces can be both useful and some not so helpful in our everyday life. We will discover the differences between forces; such as centrifugal, frictional and magnetic.



**Home Learning** The children will continue to have a grid of different tasks that they can select to complete each week. Home learning books will be given out on a Friday and should be returned by Wednesday of the following week.

**Dreams and Goals.** We will be focusing on what we would like to achieve and what we need to do now to help us work towards these achievements and goals.

**Modern Foreign Languages:** We will be developing our conversational French - learning about ordering food and drinks in a French café.

In Geography, we are going to explore areas of North America particularly its mountainous regions. We will use world maps to locate areas and explore the different climate zones across the many states. We will compare the geographical diversity between where we live and those areas in North America

PE is on Monday and Tuesday this term. In gymnastics we will be working on developing and creating sequences of movements and further developing different controlled balances. Children should wear plimsolls for gymnastics. If your child does not have plimsolls, we will need to have everyone in bare feet for these sessions.

In art, we will be exploring the paintings of Henry Rousseau and using his amazing use of colour and texture to create their own collages.

### Daily Reading

We continue to enjoy our 'Drop Everything and Read' sessions every day. Please remember to bring reading books and Reading Record Books in every day.