

Term 3 Newsletter 2024

Class 5 New Explorers

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Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year!

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. 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 decimals and learn how important they are in our everyday life. They are all very aware how important it is to have an excellent grasp of their times tables knowledge. They are all enjoying using our TTRockstars App to increase the speed of answering questions.

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 forces.

Home Learning The children will have a grid of different tasks that they can select to complete each week. Home learning will be given out on Friday and should be completed by Wednesday, at the latest, of the following week. Children are encouraged to be creative and immerse themselves in some independent work at home. They will always have from Friday to Wednesday to complete this, so please encourage them not to leave it to the last minute!



Train to Impossible Places



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.

Computing: We will be developing our understanding of spreadsheets. The children will use the software to interpret data and make their own spreadsheets.

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In **Geography**, we are going to answer the question; "What factors affect the shape of earth's landscape?" We will focus on different areas of America particularly its mountainous regions. We will use world maps to locate areas and explore the different climate zones. We will compare the geographical diversity between where we live and those areas in North America.

PE is on Monday and Wednesday this term. In gymnastics, we will be working on 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 (a French impressionist painter). We will take inspiration from his paintings and his amazing use of colour and texture to create our 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.