

# Class 5

## The Explorers

Terms 5 & 6 2024

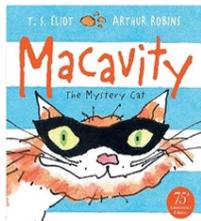
Mr. Oliver

and Mrs. Hollowday

Welcome to our Summer Term. We are all looking forward to some super learning opportunities during the weeks ahead. As a class we are now working towards consolidating and improving our learning from previous terms. The children will be concentrating on the skills and opportunities to increasingly show independence in their learning.

### Learning and Exploring

The children have settled back into classroom learning and are now keen to challenge themselves further.



**English:** Through reading our class story, 'The Train to Impossible Places', we will investigate settings, character development, dialogue & narrative style. We will also be looking at various persuasive texts and explore the poem 'Macavity: The Mystery Cat' by T.S. Eliot.

In narratives they will be describing settings, characters and atmosphere and integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action. We are looking at how writers create settings and characters by using imagery.

**Reading:** We are really enjoying our DEAR time each day (Drop Everything And Read). Here we are celebrating the joy of regularly reading our own story book, something to stimulate the mind and help inspire ideas for their own characters and their own unique creative writing ideas. We encourage them to be avidly reading at home every day on a regular basis. We will also be working towards producing our own reading book to share with friends in class.

**Mathematics:** We will be increasing our knowledge and understanding of multiplication and division, together with decimal subtraction and addition. We will improve our understanding of percentages and angles as well as investigating various polygons. We will be using our improved skills to tackle a number of problems and explain clearly when solving. Children explain their methods so they understand the calculation fully. We will be completing 'Flashback' quizzes regularly each week. Here children are revisiting learning they have previously covered which helps to consolidate their learning.

**Science:** This term the children will be investigating materials and their properties. They will be learning about solutions and mixtures and how we can recover substances from solution. We will also examine reversible and irreversible change. Be prepared for your children to surprise you with facts and designs for experiments of their own.

**Design and Technology:** We will be investigating different styles of summer sandals and using the key features we discover to design and make our own Greek style sandal. First we will create prototypes and use these ideas to perfect a finished product.

**Home learning:** Children have a choice of which activity to complete each week. Home learning books are given out on Friday to be returned by Wednesday of the following week.



*For learning that lasts a lifetime*



In Geography we will be exploring our local area and researching changes that are taking place. Looking particularly at the local solar farm, bridge and housing developments. Please encourage your child to research for themselves too.

In Games sessions this term we will be concentrating on badminton skills and also improving our cricket skills. Sessions take place on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. Could the children remember to ensure they have suitable games kit on these days.

The children are very active during these sessions but they can be a little cold to begin with. This is where wearing a few thin warm layers is really helpful, ensuring their hour's session outside is enjoyed to the max.

Lastly please continue to encourage your child read regularly at home to foster our love of reading.



