

## Autumn Newsletter

### Class 5 Explorers

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*For learning that lasts a lifetime*

### Welcome to Class 5 – The Explorers!

A warm welcome back to school. We hope you all had a relaxing summer break. We look forward to an exciting year in Class 5 with our learning!

#### Learning and Exploring

The children have had a super start to Term 1. They are aware of the importance of this academic year and are keen to challenge themselves and improve their learning still further. I am looking forward to sharing with the children many exciting learning opportunities in a classroom once more.

**Literacy:** We are focusing on description and how the use of persuasive language creates and holds interest with the audience. We are looking at how writers create settings and characters by using imagery. We will be exploring how to best describe character's emotions to engage the reader.

**Reading:** This term we are reading *Rumble Star* by Abi Elphinstone; a story of an 11 year old boy who stumbles into an unmapped kingdom full of magical beasts. We will be taking a number of the descriptions featured in the book to enhance our English learning. We are also following 'Vocabulary Ninja', to increase our use of more ambitious word choices in creative writing. As you all are aware, it is so important for children to read at home on a regular basis. Spending quality time discussing your child's book will help them develop a good understanding of how stories can be written. This will help them develop their own creative writing skills. We are focusing on improving their comprehension, inference and deduction skills this year.

**Mathematics:** We are looking at understanding the use of various number facts. Children will be using reasoning to explain how they solved the calculation. We will also continue to improve the speed and accuracy of our tables to help solve the division and multiplication problems we tackle. They should now know all their tables of by heart up to 12 x 12.

**Science:** We are exploring the exciting topic of Earth and Space this term. The children will develop their knowledge and understanding to describe the movement of the Earth, and other planets, relative to the Sun in our solar system. Our investigative work will help them to ask their own questions about the world around them. We will be looking at the many phases of the moon and how these change throughout this term.

**History:** We are exploring how Britain was influenced by Edward the Confessor. We will also discover how their settlements and kingdoms changed the structure of our countryside and influenced our culture.

**Home Learning.** Pupils should aim to read each night. They will be reading during 'Drop Everything and Read' (DEAR) time every afternoon too. Please encourage your child to develop a habit of regular reading. Children who are reading scheme reading books will bring a home reading book every **Friday** to be returned to school on the following **Tuesday**. Children who are reading a chapter book will have this in their possession to read at home and at school until they reach the end of it. They will keep this in their tray at school during the school day so that it is handled by just themselves.



In Geography we are exploring the similarities and differences between our village and the local town of Dover. Please encourage your child to continue research for themselves too. Their ideas can complement their learning in class and help them explain their own interesting facts to an appreciative audience.

In French we will be learning to use language about the home and hobbies.

Games takes place on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. Could the children ensure they bring suitable PE shoes, especially as the weather becomes cooler.

We are all looking forward to an exciting learning journey and another successful year.

Many thanks

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