

# Class 5

## The Explorers

Terms 5 & 6 2021

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 the last months. 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 really well and are enjoying playing and learning together once more. They 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 as children explore how to analyse adverts and political speeches. Finally, they will read some poetry that tells a story. During their writing they will be selecting appropriate grammar and vocabulary and improve their understanding of how such choices can change and enhance meaning. 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 regular 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; angles, polygons as well as fractions. We will be using our improved skills to tackle a number of problems and explain clearly when solving. We are looking at understanding the use of various number facts. Children explain their methods so they understand the calculation fully. We will be completing '5 in 10' 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.

You may have noticed that Mr Farr our Year 2 Student Teacher standing at the classroom door in the mornings. He will be teaching a variety of lessons during this term. The class are already enjoying the added benefit of having an extra teacher within their class.



*For learning that lasts a lifetime*



In Geography we are going to explore our local area and research the changes that are taking place. Looking particularly at the need for the local solar farm, recent housing development and Sports Centre. Please encourage your child to research for themselves too.

In French we will be learning to be more confident speaking conversational French.

In Games sessions this term we will be concentrating on tennis skills initially and then move to improve our cricket and rounders skills. Sessions take place on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Could the children remember to wear their games kit on these days.

So far this term the weather has been rather on the chilly side and although the children are very active during the sessions they can be a little cold to begin with. This is where wearing a few thin warm layers is really helpful ensuring their hours session outside is enjoyed to the max..