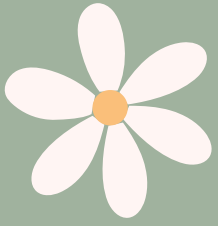


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Year 5 and 6 Newsletter



**DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,
HAPPY NEW YEAR, WE HOPE YOU HAVE HAD A HOLY AND
RESTFUL CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR FAMILIES.**

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OUR KIND GIFTS AND
CARDS.**

**THEY WERE VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED.**

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We will be learning about Sources, Unity and Death and New Life. We will begin with the children discussing the question "Are books enriching" and how the Bible enriches us.

Worship will commence weekly and this will allow us as class to take some quiet, reflective time to pray and think. This helps us to keep the question close to our hearts - 'What Would Jesus do?



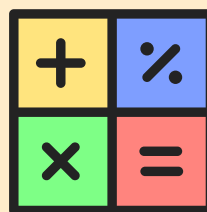
English

We will begin this term studying the text, 'Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay.

This beautifully illustrated book tells the incredible story of the first people ever to set foot on the top of Everest, which links to our Geography unit. We will then produce a biography about one of these remarkable heroes. before writing our own auto-biography. Following that, our emphasis will turn towards persuasive writing, with our source of inspiration being, 'This Morning I Met a Whale,' by the renowned Michael Morpurgo.



GEOGRAPHY



MATHS

This term we will focus our learning on,

'Why are Mountains Marvelous?'

We will use our map skills to locate mountain ranges. Once located we will study the climate of mountain environments as well as gain an understanding into how they are formed.

After half term we will turn our learning to, **'How do rivers impact the world around us?'**

We will be researching and learning about the important British rivers and famous rivers around the world.

We will locate them on maps and investigate the journey of a river. We will visit Spring Water Park which the River Irwell runs through as part of our field study.

Homework



Homework will be set every **FRIDAY** to be completed by **Wednesday** the following week. This will be a mixture of Grammar, Maths, handwriting and timestables.

The children will receive spellings to learn ready for a test the following week.

Additional to this there will be **MyMaths** set each Monday to Monday.

Log-ins are in your Child's journal.

We will be learning about Place Value, and using all 4 operations to develop our Maths skills. We will be learning how to develop addition, subtraction, division and multiplication in a variety of worded problems including using measures and shapes. We will be working closely as a Key Stage, to ensure that the children in Year 6 are working towards Maths skills that will help them in their SATs at the end of the year.

SCIENCE



Our big question will be, **'How could you be the next Edmund Hillary?'**

where we will focus on how the children can be as healthy as Edmund Hillary: an explorer who (along with a partner) was the first to reach the summit of Mount Everest. The children will be studying the function of the heart, circulatory system as well as how the body absorbs nutrients. We will also be 'making our own blood'!



NEVER STOP READING



Your child will receive two reading books per week. The children will have a set day that they change their books. Please sign your child's journal daily, so that we know that he/she has read to you.

We recommend that the children read every night for 20 minutes.

We cannot stress enough how much your child will benefit if they read daily. They will reap the rewards!

WATER BOTTLES



Please remind your children to take their water bottles home each evening and bring them back the following morning. Can you make sure they are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Only water is allowed!



PE

PE will take place on a Friday. Please ensure your child is in full school PE kit and it is labelled clearly.

We are always available to speak to after school or you can leave us a message in your child's journal, which is checked daily!

Thank you for your continued support
The Upper Key Stage Team



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