



Year 5 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term.

Topics and themes

During this term we will be using the book *Kensuke's Kingdom* as a class text. We will use Michael's adventure travelling around the world as the starting point for all our work. The children will be using the text as the basis for all our English work including: writing different forms of poetry, composing letters and creating a persuasive leaflet.

Our artwork will be linked as we will be using Hokusai's 'The Wave' to create our own pieces of art. We will also be looking at the work of the famous impressionist painter, Édouard Manet. In addition to this, we will be looking at building up our drawing skills by looking at various techniques used to add interesting effects to our sketches.

The geography focus will build on the work the children have already done last term as we will be looking at how our oceans are being impacted by humans.

PE

During the first half of the summer term, the Year 5 pupils will be attending weekly swimming lessons as well as having a PE session on Monday. Can children please ensure they bring both indoor and outdoor, labelled PE kits into school? Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered.

Homework

Maths homework will usually be set on MyMaths on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Guided reading homework which will be given on the day of reading and will be expected to be returned the following week on that day. Spellings will be given at least a week in advance on the day of the guided reading session.

- Spellings - these need practising and learning thoroughly.
- Guided reading - one piece each week.
- Maths - one piece each week - either on MyMaths, mental maths, revision or a written exercise
- Occasionally there may be some theme based homework. This will mainly be research.

Finally, should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Beale