



# Our Year 5 Classroom News

## Autumn Term Information

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### Welcome

Hello and welcome to all of our new Year 5 children and parents. We are very excited for next year and are looking forward to working with you all. We can't wait for a fun-filled year of learning and making new friends!

We kick-start Year 5 with our first topic called **Mountains, Water Cycles and Rivers** where we will be exploring our amazing world. Then in the second half term we will be learning all about **Ancient Egypt and Mesopotamia**.

Miss Gough, Ms Stanley & Miss Maynard

### Our Topic

**In Topic**, over the course of the Autumn term, we will explore these exciting learning questions:

- Where are the main mountain ranges in the UK and the world?
- What are the features of a mountain and how are they formed?
- What are the physical and human features of a mountain (e.g. climate and tourism)?
- Where does our water come from and where are the main rivers of the world?
- What are the main features of a river?
- How do we use rivers and what causes flooding?
- Where is Egypt and why is the River Nile so important?
- Who were the key Pharaohs?
- Who is King Tut?
- Why so many gods?
- What is mummification?
- Everyday life – what was it like?

**In English**, we will be writing to entertain and inform. During these units of work we will be creating stories, poems, newspaper reports and biographies.

**In Maths**, we will be learning about place value, addition and subtraction, and multiplication.

**In Science**, we will learn all about materials, by identifying their purposes, features and uses. We will also compare and group materials and will investigate how some materials dissolve in liquids to make solutions.

### Things to Remember

#### PE and Swimming

**Currently, swimming will not be taking place. We will keep you informed of any changes.**

Due to social distancing and government guidelines, PE times will have to be flexible. Therefore, PE kits must be brought into school on Monday's and taken home on Friday's, then washed.

#### Homework

- Each Friday the children will be set a **reading journal task**, which will be due in on Monday.
- The children are expected to **read for at least 20 minutes each day** and record this in their reading record (at the back of reading journals).
- Every Thursday, the children are also given spellings and times tables to learn at home and they will be quizzed on alternate Thursdays.
- Each term, the children will be set a **topic project** (a letter will be sent out closer to the time with more information).

### Important Dates



**Launch day:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September  
(We will not be dressing up)

- Meet the teacher sessions will not be taking place in school. Further information will follow.
- Trips will not be taking place in Autumn term however we will be ensuring we make the most of online opportunities.