Curriculum Newsletter - Spring 1





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<u>Lurking Dangers!</u>

Welcome to Year 5 where our topic this half term is based on Natural Disasters.

Through our topic we will learn about natural disasters and our focus will be Geography; how things in our environment change and how this effects different areas of the world.

In English, we will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit and looking at her as a significant author. Children will have the opportunity to look at how to write in the journalistic form.

Spellings will be learnt in school.

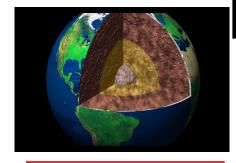
Children will also be studying the poem 'The Highway Man' by Alfred Noyes and recreate their own piece of poetry about the events of a Tsunami.

We will continue to teach elements of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Completing Big Writes at the end of every writing unit. In **Maths** we will be looking at fractions and how to convert between fractions, decimals and percentages, along with finding a percentage of a number.

We will also look at angles and shapes looking to measure angles in degrees, draw angles and calculate missing angles. We will learn to identify 2D and 3D shapes along with their nets and find lines of symmetry whilst also understanding reflection.

We will revisit number and place value by counting forwards and backwards in multiples of 10, rounding numbers and ordering positive and negative numbers.





Science: We will be looking at enquiry skills needed to perform investigations with a focus on Properties in Materials.

PE: We will be continuing gymnastics with apparatus.

 ${\bf ICT:}$ Children will be introduced to Lego EV3 robots, they will learn to control and program them.

Music: we will be looking at composing our own music.

PSHE: We will explore how we can protect our environment and the media role and impact within society.

 $\pmb{\mathsf{RE}}$: We will explore the question "What do Christians believe about God?"

French: We will be looking at animal habitats and food.