

## Year 5 Newsletter – Autumn Term

Building  
Brighter  
Futures  
Together

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter! We have lots of exciting things planned over the next few weeks. We hope that this newsletter will provide you with an overview about what will be happening in Year Five this half term.



Our Theme this term is:  
**Momentous Mountains**

Autumn half term is a 5-week half term and our words for this half term are:

International

Aware

Readers

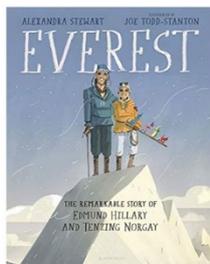
Charitable

Conscientious

### English



In our English lessons, we will be exploring the non-fiction text; 'Everest: The Remarkable Story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay'. We will be using the text to practice our summarising skills, before creating a non-chronological report about the adventure, while attempting to demonstrate the full range of non-fiction writing features in our work. Our grammar work will include synonyms and antonyms, writing in passive and active voice, relative clauses, and using adverbials to link paragraphs.



### Maths



As part of topic for Maths we will be learning to secure our multiplication and division knowledge. We will learn about multiples, factor and prime numbers, as well as square and cube numbers. We'll extend our skills to include working with 4-digit numbers, using formal written calculation methods.

### Reading

This half term we will focus on reading fluency and the use of expression to add interest and enthusiasm. We will experience reading as a whole class, as part of a group and individually. Your child will bring their reading book and record home each day. Please return these every day so that we can read you're your child and change their book when required. Library books will be changed on a Thursday.



### Important Dates

**Ramadan Family Meeting Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 2:30**  
**Representatives from Yr 5/6 to Keighley College – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February**  
**World Book Day – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Wild Science animal visit to Yr 5 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March**  
**Reports to parents – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**  
**Spring 2 half term ends – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

### Geography



During our Geography lessons we will be scaling the peaks of mountain knowledge(!): defining what a mountain is, locating the highest mountains in the UK and the rest of the world, discovering why climbing them can be such a challenge, and, finally, planning a trip to a world-famous peak!

### Science



### Earth and Space

After completing our final experiments around the Properties of Materials and Dissolving and Changing Materials, our Super Scientists will move on to our next out-of-this-world topic: Earth and Space!

We'll be learning about the movements of the Earth and other planets in relation to the Sun, the movement of the Moon relative to the Earth, and exploring how we know the Earth is spherical.

Why does the Sun appear to move across the sky? We'll be use the idea of the Earth's rotation to explain day and night, and to answer that question comprehensively!

### Art



As part of our Art lessons, we will be using pencil to create a detailed sketch – creating tone, shade and texture. We'll take inspiration from our mountain theme, and experiment with sourcing, scanning and altering existing images to create something unique.

### PHSCE



### Me, Myself and

### Relationships

Our theme this half term for PSHCE is all about our 'Rights and Responsibilities'. We'll be learning what the differences are between the two, and what happens if they aren't followed correctly. We'll discover more about voluntary, community and pressure groups, and what they do, and finally, we'll be understanding more about personal finance: money, debt and interest.



### ICT

This half term, we'll be understanding more about how search engines, such as Google, work. We'll also be polishing up our presentation skills using Powerpoint.

The staff team in Year 5 are;  
5KH – Mrs Holden, Miss Aisha and Mrs Malik  
Mrs Gilmartin (Mondays & Tuesdays), Mrs Jahangir (cover)  
5BV – Mr Vellacott, Mrs Asghar, Mrs Pollard

**WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!**

We are so pleased to see you all back in school.



**PE**

PE will take place on a **Monday morning and Wednesday afternoon**. Children will need to come to school in the correct kit every Monday and Wednesday please.



**school day/ routines**



School starts at **8:45 a.m.**  
School day ends at **3:15 p.m.**



There will be members of the Year 5 and 6 team on the yard before and after school.  
If you have questions please come and speak to one of the staff team.

**Equipment**



Children will need to bring their own **water bottle** to school every day.

**NO** pencil cases or stationary as school provide children with all the equipment they need.

**Reading Records** must be brought to school each day.

**Learning at Home**

**Reading:** Children are expected to read for at least **20** minutes every day. Please listen to your child read and encourage them to develop good reading habits. Ask your child questions about the texts they read and please fill in the **reading records** so we can give your child a new book when they are ready.

Please note that the school has provided children with brand new reading records that must be signed by an adult and returned to school each day.

**Library:** Every **Thursday**, the children will spend half an hour in the library, where they will select a book they can take home and read for pleasure. Our library sessions will include a time for the children to read their books and also, we will provide them with an opportunity to listen to a range of texts. Please ensure library books are returned to school each **Thursday**.

**Homework Menu:**

Children will be given a homework menu. They must choose an activity from either English, Maths, Creative or Other. Homework will be given on a **Friday** and must be completed at home and handed in on a **Wednesday morning**. **Purple Mash is also available to access tools and activities from home.**

**Spellings**

Children will be given a list of spellings in their homework books. Please help your child to read and spell these correctly as they will be tested on these in class. Year group spellings can also be found in their reading records.

**Break and Lunch Times**

**Break Time**

10:45-11:00

Children can bring in a healthy snack for break times as it is a long morning.

**Lunch Time**

12:30 - 1:00 pm. (Outside)

1:00 - 1:30pm. (Lunch in Class)

**Talking at Home**

We encourage you to talk to your child about their learning in class.

Ask them what they have learnt each day or something new which they have found out.

See if your child can explain what they have been learning at school.

This is a good indication of how well they listen and how interested they are in their work.

They may even tell you something you didn't know!

**Happy Talking**

**Times Tables:** Year 5 pupils are expected to be able to recall all of the multiplication and division facts up to 12x. Regular practise of these is vital for your child to become secure with these facts. Please help your child to say and use their times tables and login to TT Rock Stars whenever they can. **Purple Mash** also has lots of useful tools and games for revision.

