



St Minver School

Head of School: Mrs J Rodwell

Welcome to Year 5



Dear Parents / Guardians

Welcome to the start of Y5! Finally, we are back at school; let's all take a minute to breathe...

Firstly, thank you so much for your patience and understanding during home schooling. It was an incredibly tough time for many of us and at times felt like this return would never come. But here we are and I for one can't wait to get started!

The first two weeks of the new term will be focusing on friendship and will be aptly named, 'Friendship Fortnight'. This will enable all of us to settle in and refocus. The children will need time to adjust to new routines and being back in school, so although we will have to work very hard to ensure the children progress quickly, we need to make sure they are happy and ready to learn first. Following this, our main topic will be mountains. Our class book is Abominables by Eva Ibbotson, although we will also be looking at Everest by Alexandra Stewart, learning about how Sir Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay conquered Everest.

Curriculum

English will link to our topic and our class book will drive the writing with the children producing diaries, stories and information texts. Maths lessons will begin with place value before moving to addition and subtraction later in the half term. We will also be having a times tables test every Friday along with daily practice to support this focus. In Science we will be learning about solids, liquids and gasses and in PE we shall be focusing on athletics along with some socially distanced games. PE will take place on Tuesday afternoon (taught by Mr Rickard) and a Thursday afternoon. Please can you ensure that your child/children arrive in their PE kit on these days to avoid having to change due to current COVID restrictions. In Art and DT we will be doing a selection of work including some sewing, sculpture and creating mountain pictures using tissue paper. RE will focus on Judaism and Christianity, discussing what is similar and what is different between these two religions. PSHE will begin with a topic called 'Being Me' and in Computing the children will be working on using and producing spreadsheets and multimedia. In Music the children will listen to and appraise musical 'anthems' as well as singing and composing. Geography will focus on mountains, including how they are formed,

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and locating some of the famous mountain ranges of the world using atlases. Phew...another breath required!

Homework

The children will receive homework every Friday and this will be expected to be handed in the following Friday:

- Spellings – test every Friday
- Maths
- Literacy - grammar or reading comprehension
- Reading – 60 minutes each week which equates to 15 minutes over 4 days (or just a very long read every Sunday!)

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact the school and I will get in contact as soon as possible.

Many thanks and I look forward to a fantastic year!

Jon Finch

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