



# NEWSLETTER



Welcome back—we hope that you have had a lovely half term, are well rested and energised and are ready to work hard for the rest of the Autumn term. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for our Christmas Fayre later in the term.

**Topics For The Term** - Our geography theme continues this term with **Explosions, Rumbles, Water and Heights**. We will be building on our knowledge of how the earth is formed including the location and movement of tectonic plates to create earth quakes and volcanoes. We will try to answer several questions such as: What determines the severity of a volcanic eruption? Do all volcanoes/ earthquakes have a negative impact? Why people choose to live near to a volcano? What does a landscape look like post-eruption and how does this impact the locality?

Our science topic this half term will be looking at the relationship between the **Earth, Sun and Moon**. We will look at how scientists' knowledge of earth and space have changed over time including the geocentric and heliocentric models and compare the features of all the planets in our solar system.

In art we will be looking at work by David Hardy, Lucien Rudaux and Chesley Bonestell who have used space as inspiration for their work. We will use the work of **Robert McCall** as inspiration to create our own piece of work using bright, vivid colours to create a feeling of wonder and excitement.

English this term will also take some inspiration from our science work when we use the book **Curiosity by Markus Motum** to inspire our writing. The book tells the story of a Mars rover from idea to creation and beyond. We will also be using the picture book **The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan** to inspire our own fantasy narrative writing.

**Wellie Boots** - As the weather is becoming more autumnal, the field is rather wet and muddy. We will continue to have all the OPAL activities out on the field at lunchtimes including den building, the mud kitchen and physical play but to use this children must have wellie boots to put on. Please make sure your child has a pair of wellie boots in school and if you have any spare/old pairs, we would welcome wellie boot donations.

**Homework** - Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week and bring in their signed reading diary each day. Children who make the most progress in reading are children who read regularly at home. Don't forget, children can earn Dojo points for reading at least 4 times a week!







## Year 5 Dates For Your Diary

11.11.24	Remembrance Day (members of uniform groups such as Cubs/ Brownies may wear their uniform to school)
12.11.24	Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week
12.11.24	Roving Books Author visit
15.11.24	Children In Need - Non Uniform
27.11.24	School 'Vision and Values' Parent's Information Meeting (2:45 and 6:00)
6.12.24	Christmas Fayre (timings TBC)
12.12.24	Christmas dinner and jumper day
16.12.24	Year 5 Christmas Party Day
19.12.24	Whole school panto trip

**PE** - Please ensure your child's PE kit is labelled and in school every week. It is important that the children learn to take responsibility for their own belongings and having named kit helps greatly with this.

**Communication** - If you would like to contact your child's class teacher please email.

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