



# NEWSLETTER



Welcome to Year 5! We are excited for the term ahead and can't wait for you to experience all the exciting opportunities we have planned. We know you will settle quickly into your new classes and be ready to embrace being part of upper KS2.

## Topics For The Term

In English, we will be starting the term with the book **The Lost Thing** by Shaun Tan. The story is about finding something unusual, which doesn't quite belong and what happens next! We will write our own versions of the story. We will then move onto our next book **Freedom Bird** which will lead us into some non-fiction writing.

Our wider curriculum theme is **Explosions, Rumbles, Water and Heights**. We will be looking at maps and other sources to locate mountains, volcanoes and rivers across the world and look in a little more detail at how each feature is formed. As part of the topic, we have a mountain workshop where the children will spend a day with an explorer who will help us understand the climate between 1,000 and 8,000 metres; the people and wildlife that inhabit mountainous regions; and past and present explorers, including Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay.

Linking to our theme, we will be looking at **Properties of Materials** in Science, and considering reversible and irreversible changes. We will also be designing, making and evaluating our own cable cars in **DT**.

## Music in Schools Project

For the fourth year, we will be taking part in the Derby Cathedral Music in Schools Project. Every week we will have the Cathedral Choral Director, Mrs Robinson, in class to turn us all into a tuneful choir. The sessions are lots of fun as we learn to sing in harmony as well as building our knowledge of musical theory. Look out for information in the summer term about the concert we will be part of in Derby Cathedral.

## Homework

Children are expected to read at home at least 4 times per week. Please sign your child's reading diary after you have read with them. Optional homework related to our current topic was sent out before the holidays, we will share this again on dojo for you. Please also keep practising times tables using TTRS!

## Year 5 Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 16.9.25	Individual photographs
30.9.25 & 1.10.25	Parents Evening
6.10.25 & 8.10.25	Mountain Workshops
Tuesday 7.10.25	Hello Yellow Day
Friday 10.10.25	Inset
Thursday 15.10.25	Halloween Disco

## PE

Thank you for making sure that your child has their PE kit in school. Our PE days will be as follows:

5B and 5H: Tuesdays & Thursdays  
5JC and 5LC: Tuesdays & Fridays

## Communication

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



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We are **READY** to enjoy learning together and know that you are going to keep being **KIND** to everyone to help make CJS the very best.

