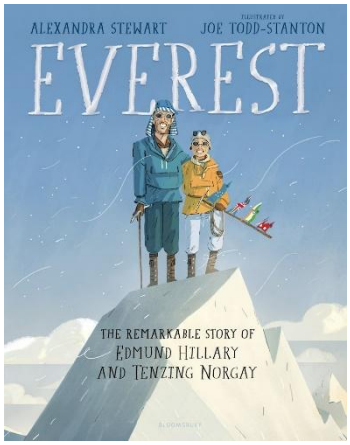
Extreme Earth

Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, welcome back to school! We are so happy to welcome your children to Year 5, which we hope will be a fantastic year of learning and fun for everyone. Over the first few days, we will take time to establish Year 5 expectations and routines to ensure everyone is ready for a successful year of learning.

We begin the year with our **'Extreme Earth'** topic, a geography-based unit that we are sure will capture the imagination of every child. The learning will be embedded across many different subjects to provide a rich learning experience. In geography lessons, they will discover how volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains are formed and the impact they have on the world. Their knowledge of volcanoes will be further developed in ICT through creating detailed diagrams using publishing skills. Art lessons will also explore the subject by studying Hokusai's drawings of Mount Fuji and creating prints in his style.



Our first English text is ***'Everest: The Remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay'.*** This non-fiction book explores how both of these men were drawn to the mountains, especially Everest, and how they became the first men to battle through the treacherous and terrifying conditions and make it to the top of the great mountain. It will provide a huge range of opportunities for the children to develop their writing. We will also be engaging every child in daily guided reading sessions to improve their fluency, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Year 5 maths learning commences with the all-important place value topic, developing children's knowledge of numbers to one million and beyond. This is followed by developing their knowledge of written strategies for addition and subtraction, as well as learning about multiples, factors and prime numbers.

Alongside all of this, the children will continue to have specialist music teaching from Mr. Liddle, French lessons to build on and extend previous learning, as well as RE and PSHE – what a busy term!

As always, we are very happy to discuss with you any aspect of your child's learning or pastoral life at school - the office will be able to arrange a suitable time to speak over the telephone or in person at school.

Mr Brennan, Mrs Wright and Mr Kirby

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

As your children move into Year 5, thoughts about secondary schools, the Kent Test (11+), SATs, and transition will no doubt be on your minds. Rest assured, we are here to support you every step of the way. In Term 5, Miss Durkin and Mrs Mayes will run a session on Secondary Transfer. This will cover secondary options, information about the Kent Test papers and the application process, and the Year 6 residential. In Term 3 of Year 6, Miss Durkin and Mrs Mayes will run another presentation on the Year 6 curriculum and SATs tests, the secondary transfer process and dates, transition and all things Year 6 to the end of the year. We will also run a Y5/6 session each year about online safety which is specific to the children's age. This will include information, advice and support about devices and social media. The newsletter will have regular reminders and links about the process and of course, if you ever need support, get in touch and we will happily talk anything through with you.