



# Year 5/6

## Spring 2018 (2<sup>nd</sup> half)

### WELCOME BACK!

Our new topic for this coming half-term is:

### *Extreme Earth!*

We will be basing our learning on the geography of the world, looking at tectonic plates and what causes extreme weather and other natural phenomena.

Our writing focus will be considering the impact of our work on the reader and we will read a piece of descriptive writing about a storm to investigate this.

We will be learning how to program games using Kodu and discussing the importance of Easter in the religious calendar.

### WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Homework will not be set on specific days but rather as follow-up to work completed in class to practice and extend their learning. However, weekly expectations are:

- 10 minutes each night reading their reading book, a newspaper, a magazine or Kindle;
- 10 minutes on spellings, 3 times per week;
- 5 minutes each night on mental maths: Learn Its - times tables up to 12 x 12 for multiplication and division as well as number bonds to 20 and 100;  
*and, when appropriate,*
- research as part of our topic.

***Please encourage your child to set time aside on an evening to complete these short tasks – knowing spellings and times tables makes such a huge difference to their classwork.***

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We are very lucky to have Kevin Dawson into Y5/6 every Tuesday morning to teach PE skills. Obviously, this term is still a rather chilly one so children will need to remember outdoor kit (lots of layers!), spare socks and a carrier bag for muddy shoes.



### THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Monday:** Homework books due in
- Tuesday:** Drumming with Jools  
Outdoor PE with Kevin Dawson
- Wednesday:** Swimming (Y6)  
P.E. (Y5)
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** 3-minute challenge (times tables)  
Running session with Simon Carson coach.

***Children should always have their reading records with them.***

### WATER BOTTLES

Children are encouraged to drink water regularly throughout the day and should have a named water bottle in school. This will be sent home on a Friday for cleaning and should be brought back on Monday.

Many children do not have one in school so please remind them.