



# Year 5 Newsletter Autumn 2 2019



## How you can help

What a fantastic start to year 5 we had last half term. I hope everybody has had a well - deserved break and is as excited as me to be back and get stuck in to our new topics!

This term we are starting back with multiplication and division as well as area and perimeter. We will also be covering statistics before the end of the half term. It is very important for the children to know their times tables to aid them in these topics. I have listed websites in the maths section of the newsletter for fun and engaging ways for the children to develop these skills at home as well as at school.

Our geography topic this half term is mountains. The children are going to continue to be geographers learning about what a mountain is, famous mountains around the world, the plant and animal life surrounding mountains and understanding why mountains can be dangerous and how to stay safe.

In science, we are going to be looking at forces. We are going to be conducting various investigations to aid us in our understanding of what a force is as well as the different types of forces that are used in our everyday life. We will also be learning about the famous scientists who discovered these forces too!

### Hyde community college trip

Over the course of two afternoons, the children will be going in groups to Hyde community college for a tour and some fantastic activities. We will be leaving school during the end of lunch time, walking to Hyde community college and will be returning to school for 3:15pm. This is a brilliant opportunity to begin transition to high school but the afternoon is also lots of fun!

### Communication

Follow us on twitter and Class Dojo to keep up to date with our learning or if you need to speak to me. I will also be on the playground most afternoons when the children leave school. Thank you for your support ☺

### Useful websites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks2bitesize/english/>

<http://www.saintambrosebarlow.wigan.sch.uk/Year6spellingpage.htm>

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/activities\\_y6/activity2.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/spellits/activities_y6/activity2.shtml)

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/maths/)

**MATHS** – You can access [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) for fun ways to help. We will be developing our understanding of place value, + - X ÷, fractions and more formal written methods. You can also use <https://trockstars.com/> and <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> to help improve knowledge of multiplication and division facts.

**PE** – Outdoor PE is on a Wednesday afternoon. As the colder weather is setting in please send in a pair of jogging bottoms or leggings to keep the children warm. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school. The children will also have PE on a Friday afternoon. Our PE focus this half term is: gymnastics and dance.

**HOMEWORK** – Homework goes home on Tuesday and needs to be back in school the following Monday. Children are expected to present their homework neatly – English homework consists of spellings and a spelling activity. Maths homework is a mixture of arithmetic tests and online activities.

**Reading** - Please encourage your child to read at home. They should be regularly changing their reading books. Every child will be reading their reading books with an adult at least once a week in school so it is crucial the children have their reading book and journal with them every day.

