

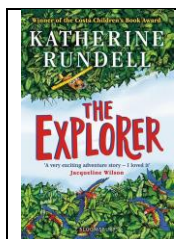


THE EXPLORER

Year 5 Term 2 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 2

We hope you all had a great Term 1 and we are looking forward to carrying on the amazing work in Term 2! In Term 2, we will be reading the book *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell and this will form the basis of our reading and writing lessons. We will be re-capping some skills from Term 1 as covering new Year 5 content, continuing to develop sentence structure, tense and coherence alongside word choice, vocabulary and character description. The children are developing their stamina for writing and continued practice of writing will help the children to produce high quality outcomes.



Our book this term is *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. Your child is welcome to bring a copy of the book to help them in their learning.

In maths this term, we will be looking at addition and subtraction of numbers up to 1 million and adding decimals. We will then move into multiplying and dividing by powers of 10 before learning about properties of number including square, cubed and prime numbers.

In computing, we are going to be creating our own videos. In this, the children will be creating a video using iMovie all about the topic of Vikings. They will be embedding video, audio and pictures into their video to create a piece that will inform the viewer all about their chosen area within the Viking history. We will supplement this learning with online safety which will be about recognising and preventing online bullying.

Our science learning this term will focus on properties of materials and changing states. Within this topic, the children will learn different materials and how they can be changed using heat, water and electricity (E.g. Ice melting to become water). They will use this learning in a variety of ways in the classroom, including conducting their own experiments.

Our History topic this term will be focussing on the Vikings, learning about their influence in England and discussing whether they benefitted or negatively impacted England when they arrived. This learning will spread across our curriculum, with aforementioned computing and also creating Viking shields in DT!

We will also be offering our broad and balanced curriculum, with DT, RE, Personal Development and Music.

In Term 2, we will have **PE on a Thursday**. Please can children come to school wearing their full PE kit on this day. There is no need to bring a change of clothes. We ask that you please provide them with jogging bottoms in case the weather is wet or cold. We will be working on gymnastics, learning a variety of balances, rolls and transitions.

Homework will be taken home on a Friday and needs to be returned the following Wednesday please. All children **must** also read 5 times per week which needs recording in their reading records. We appreciate your support with this.

We are looking forward to a wonderful term with you all!

Mr Medd and Miss Taylor

Meet the Team

Please email the class teacher if there is anything you wish to discuss.

Class 5T

Miss Taylor (Teacher) & Ms Ohlson (TA)

Class 5M

Mr Medd (Teacher) & Ms Ohlson (TA)