## YEAR 5/6 Summer NEWSLETTER 2023

Welcome back to the summer term- This year has flown by! I hope everyone had a happy and safe Easter. We have a busy half-term ahead with our year 6 pupils preparing for their SATs, then Year 5/6 have plenty of exciting opportunities to end their final half-term at New Delaval. Remember - you can always see more of life in Year 5/6 on the school's Twitter-@NewDelPrimary

Our first topic is 'Extreme Earth'. We will be exploring:

- What is extreme weather?
- What are droughts and their causes/effects?
- What are earthquakes and what impact do they cause?
- What causes tsunamis?
- Why do volcanoes occur and what is the 'Ring of Fire'?

After half term our topic is Ancient Maya.

Our writing units and Shared Reading texts will extend the children's understanding of these topics.

One of our class texts this term will be 'Twitch' by M.G. Leonard. The book is a story of strength – digging deep and being true to yourself. Leadership, finding real friendship and standing up for what you believe.



## **SATs dates:**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling test.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May-Reading test.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May- Arithmetic and Maths Reasoning test.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May- Maths Reasoning test.

These dates are slightly different due to King Charles' coronation.

Our science topics this term will be 'Electricity' and 'Working Scientifically'.

<u>Organisation:</u> Children need to make sure their diary is in every day and it is signed. I need to see evidence of your child reading at home at least 3 times a week. All reading should be recorded in their diary. I will check and sign the diaries frequently. Homework will be posted on Google Classroom on Friday and expected to be completed by Wednesday. Your children have all the necessary log ins to access their homework and also could spend extra time on Reading Plus and Rockstars.

Don't forget to practise your 50 spellings as often as possible. We want as many 50 out of 50s as possible at the end of each half term.

Year 6 - Swimming will be every Thursday this half-term. Remember your kit.

Year 5/6 – PE will be every Monday and Thursday as usual. We will be doing athletics and Commando Joe's