

YEAR 5 Summer NEWSLETTER 2020

Welcome back to the summer term- I can't believe we are here already! I hope everyone had a happy and safe Easter, especially now the restrictions are easing.

Special events in the summer term:

- Social action unit with NUF is restarting.
- Restart a Heart First Aid sessions

In our 'Extreme Earth' topic, children will be exploring a different natural disaster each week including: hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, volcanoes, drought, flooding and tsunamis. We will be exploring: how and where they form, what they produce and the impact of the disaster. They will produce a bank of work and also create various pieces of art based on these phenomena.

In our 'Ancient Maya' topic, children will explore: how the Mayans originated, Mayan artefacts, Mayan myths and legends, Mayan food, Mayan Gods and religion and their writing system. Again, we will be creating pieces of art related to this exciting topic.

We are almost finished our spring term class novel 'After the War' by Tom Palmer. We very much enjoyed meeting him online!

One of our class texts this term will be the adventure novel 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. The book centres on an unlucky teenage boy named Stanley Yelnats, who is sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention center in a desert in Texas, after being falsely accused of theft

After half term we will be reading 'Boy' by Roald Dahl. A beautifully written autobiography about Road Dahl's exciting childhood and early life.

Other goings on in Year 5:

- Rockstars times tables
- Daily SPaG sessions
- Daily ERIC questions
- Chances to work on Reading Plus.
- PE sessions with NUF (Wednesday)
- Debating climate change strikes in English

Our science topics this term will be 'Living Things and their Habitats' and 'Electricity'. We will continue to take part in online Science workshops with Northumbria University.

Organisation: 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 on a Friday. Homework will be posted on Google Classroom on Monday and expected to be completed by Friday. Your children have all the necessary log ins to access their homework and also could spend extra time on Reading Plus and Rockstars.

Spellings have changed. You should have received a separate letter about this. The weekly test is gone and we will be working on 50 topic-related spellings over the half term. There will be a 'spelling bee' at the end of the half term.