

## YEAR 5 Autumn NEWSLETTER 2020

Welcome back to the autumn term and welcome back to New Delaval! I hope that everyone had a safe lockdown period, we missed everyone a lot! I am very happy to be the new Year 5 teacher! This term brings two exciting new topics which children will be studying – firstly, “Crime and Punishment” will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring our “Our Changing World ” topic.

In our ‘Crime and Punishment’ topic, children will explore the answers to the following questions...

- How have crime and punishment changed over time?
- Is our world a safer place than it was in the past?
- Why is it important to have laws against crime?

In our ‘Our Changing World’ topic, children will consider...

- Why do people travel from one place to another?
- Why are there different types of place to live and how do they compare?
- Map work – what is the best route between two places and why? What obstacles may be encountered en route?

One of our class texts this term will be the historical novel ‘Street Child’ by Berlie Doherty. A story that follows a young Victorian boy through workhouses and worse.

After half term we will be reading ‘Varmints’ by Helen Ward. This is a beautiful picture book that takes a cheeky little character through some majestic landscapes.

Other goings on in Year 5:

- Daily Basic skills sessions
- Commando Joes and NUF sessions (a classroom based session promoting diversity and equality)
- Writing Street Child diary entries.
- Jabberwocky poetry
- Daily SPaG sessions
- Daily ERIC questions
- Chances to work on Reading Plus and Mathletics.

Our science topics this term will be Animals including Humans and ‘Evolution and Inheritance’. We will be taking part in Science workshops this term online!

**Organisation:** Year 5 is a big step up from Year 4 , so the children need to be organised. Children need to make sure their planner is in every day and it is signed once a week. We need to see evidence of your child reading at home at least 3 times a week. All reading should be recorded in the planner. I will sign the diaries on a Wednesday.

PE will be on Thursdays.

Spellings will be handed out on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday. All spellings are topic-related. There will be some more information about homework in a separate letter.