



YEAR 5 Autumn NEWSLETTER 2025



Welcome back to the Autumn term and welcome back to New Delaval! I hope that everyone enjoyed their summer holiday. This term brings two exciting new topics we will be studying – firstly, “South America” will be our focus and after that, we will begin exploring “World War Two”.

In our ‘South America’ topic, children will explore the following:

- Human and physical geography.
- The Amazon River.
- The Amazon rainforest.
- Cocoa bean trade in South America.

In our ‘World War Two’ topic, children will consider...

- Why the war started.
- Evacuation and rationing.
- Women’s role in the war.
- A general chronology of the events.

During the 2nd term we will of course have our usual Remembrance week and focus our English work on an aspect of remembering.

One of our class texts this term will be ‘Vanishing Rainforest’ by Richard Platt. Why is the Brazilian rainforest vanishing so fast? Why is it essential not only to the people and animals within it, but to the whole world? This story, seen through the eyes of a child called Remaema, describes how the Yanomami tribe are battling against potential developers.

After half term we will be reading ‘When the Sky Falls’ by Phil Earle. Set in 1941 and war is raging. One angry boy has been sent to the London. There, Joseph will live with Mrs F, a gruff woman with no fondness for children but a love for her zoo.

Other goings on in Year 5:

- Commando Joes and NUF sessions.
- Sports leader training.
- Practise of the 50 spellings list.
- Reading Plus sessions.
- Rockstars practice.
- Maybe a visit!

Our science topics this term will be Animals including Humans followed by Properties and Changes of Materials.

Organisation:

Year 5 is all about stepping up into upper key stage two. Being more responsible and maybe even taking on a leadership role such as sports leader. Children need to make sure their reading book is in every day. I will check diaries are signed (by a parent/carer) on a Thursday, with a minimum of 3 comments. In Y5, children can write their own comments but they need to be checked by a parent/carer.

PE will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Homework will be handed out during the week and is always due in on Mondays. The consequence of not handing in homework/having diary signed/having correct PE kit is staying in at break.

Spellings will still be tested half termly, with a spelling bee at the end of the half term, just like in Year 4!