

# Year 4/5 newsletter Summer 2022

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fabulous Easter and ate lots of chocolate! This letter will explain some of the things we will be doing and learning about this term, as well as important information for you and your parents. As always parents, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs Thew

In **English** we are beginning by looking at a classic poem – From A Railway Carriage. We will also be reading The Railway Children, a book I remember from when I was your age! We will be writing our own poems and describing characters and settings. After half term, we will be reading Varjak Paw and writing a narrative from different viewpoint. We will also be practising our persuasion skills - why Varjak should be cat of the



**Homework will be given out on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April. It should be handed in every Monday morning.** As well as the main task given each week, there is always reading plus (aim for 3 stories a week), reading your own book, TTRS and Mathletics.



In **computing** this term we will be Hardware investigators looking at parts of a computer. We will revisit safety – the risks and benefits of installing software. After half term we will be making music and revisiting safety again – healthy amounts of screen time.



## History and Geography

History of transport – railways and cars. We will also consider the changing use of land and what and how it has been used over time. Later we will study maps and plan routes using compass directions, grid references and symbols.



**PE kit will be needed on Thursdays. Y5 – you will need your swimming kit on Fridays.**

We will be working with Scott from the NUF again – we will have lots of fun Commando Joe activities where you will definitely get the chance to demonstrate your team-work, communication and maybe resilience! Hopefully as it warms up we will get outside to take part in some athletics events! Y5 – I know some of you are a little nervous about swimming but I know you'll be great.

**Maths** this term will include learning more about decimals (including money). We will also be looking at time, so get those watches on and practise telling the time! We'll be drawing and interpreting information from graphs. Later in the term, we will focus on shapes, their properties and classifying them. We will also be using coordinate grids and looking at position and direction. Finally, we will be converting units of measurement and looking at volume. This term, we will also be doing our times table check – I know you'll be brilliant!

Other things we are learning about;

**Science** – Earth and space, working scientifically.

**RE** – We will be looking at people such as Malala Yousafzi, Dalai, Lama, Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, Fauja Singh, and Bear Grylls, and consider their beliefs and the impact on their lives.

**Art/DT** – The design of transport and its impact on the world. Observational drawings.

**French** – The beach! La Plage

**Music** – Blackbird (Song about civil rights. Pulse, pitch, rhythm etc. Singing and playing) History and language of music. Singing and performing



We're definitely going to get out and about this term – look out for a letter about some exciting visits