

YEAR 5/6 Autumn NEWSLETTER 2022

Welcome back to the autumn term and welcome back to New Delaval! I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and are ready to go! I am very happy to be the new Year 5/6 teacher and deputy head here at New Delaval. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and support I have already received from the staff here and can't wait to get underway! I look forward to working with your children and building positive relationships with you all. 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 Changing World" topic.

In our 'Crime and Punishment' topic, children will learn:

- How crime and punishment has developed and changed from Roman Britain to our modern world today.
- How our current legal system works and who helps keep us safe.
- The main advances within prisons today compared to Victorian Britain.

In 'Our Changing World' topic, children will consider...

- Reasons why people migrate.
- The journey of refugees to Britain.
- The impact climate changing is having on our world.
- Map work – locating countries using geographical skills, where many refugees come from.



One of our class texts this term will be '**Anglo-Saxon Boy**' by Tony Bradman. An action-packed story that follows a young boy through to the Battle of Hasting in 1066.



Other curriculum learning in Yr5/6:

- Daily Basic skills sessions
- Commando Joes and NUF sessions.
- English genres such as suspense, poetry and information texts.
- Daily SPaG sessions
- Daily ERIC questions
- Chances to work on Reading Plus, TTRS and Mathletics.
- Computing: Coding and spreadsheets.

Our science topics this term will be 'Animals including Humans' and 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will be joined by Dr Lee (GP) to support our first unit this term.

Organisation: PE will be on a **Tuesday** morning and **Thursday** afternoon. These will be delivered by Mr Hutton and NUF. PE kits must come into school on a **Monday** and be taken home and washed over the weekend. Spellings lists will be handed out for children to practise at home. Please encourage this as much as possible. There will be a focused session every week for children to further explore spelling patterns within these lists. Homework will be distributed on a **Friday** and will vary between paper handouts, TTRS, Mathletics and work set on Google Classroom. Please ensure homework is returned on a **Wednesday** to avoid missing break. There is an opportunity to complete homework during break times if necessary. Children will receive a home reading book, which they must bring to school every day. We encourage reading daily at home and expect 3 to be signed in their reading records/diaries.