

Extreme Earth

Dear Parents and Carers,

First and foremost, welcome back to school! We are so happy to welcome your children (and yourselves) to Year 5, which we hope will be a fantastic year of learning and fun for everyone.

We begin the year with our 'Extreme Earth' topic, a geography-based unit that we are sure will capture the imagination of every child. The learning will be embedded across many different subjects to provide a rich learning experience. In the primary topic lessons they will discover how volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains are formed and the impacts they have on the world. Their knowledge of volcanoes will be further developed in ICT through creating detailed diagrams of volcanoes using publishing skills. Art lessons will further explore the subject by studying Hokusai's drawings of Mount Fuji and creating block paintings in his style.

Our first English text is a non-fiction text called 'Everest: The Remarkable story of Edmund Hillary and Tenzig Norgay'. The book explores how both these men were drawn to the mountains, especially Everest, and how they became the first men to battle through the treacherous and terrifying conditions and make it to the top of the great mountain. It will provide a huge range of opportunities for the children to develop their non-fiction writing. We will also be engaging every child in daily guided reading sessions to improve their comprehension and inference skills.

Alongside all this, the children will have specialist music teaching from Mr. Liddle, French lessons to consolidate their Year 4 language skills and RE.

We are very happy to discuss with you any aspect of your child's learning or pastoral life at school - the office will be able to arrange a suitable time to speak over the telephone or in person at school.

Mrs Mayes, Mr Walker, Miss Brooks & Mrs Bromwich