

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 5 Students,



We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and that the children are feeling refreshed to start the Spring Term. We have lots of exciting work planned for this term and are also looking forward to our enrichment activities.

What's Coming Next?



Our Spring Term topic will be

On Top of the World

We will be researching and reporting on British Explorers who have climbed Everest and analysing the human and physical aspects of mountains. Tibetan culture and the role of the Dalai Lama will also be explored. Our class book is "Running on the Roof of the World" by Jess Butterworth. Set in the Himalayan landscape of Tibet and India, it tells the story of two children who escape across the mountains after a protest leads to their families being captured by the army. During our English sessions, we will be reporting on the Chinese invasion of Tibet, applying figurative language to describe the Himalayas and analysing what it might mean to live in exile.

At the start of term, our maths sessions will involve applying short division methods and applying our times table facts to help calculate answers. We will then focus on fractions, decimals and percentages.

In science, the unit will be on light. In art and DT we will be designing and making our own Tibetan prayer flags, applying weaving skills and making a hanging bed. Our computing sessions will focus on coding and data logging.

Our PSHE sessions will look at embedding our school values of loyalty and perseverance.

Useful Information

Spellings tests will take place on Mondays and times Table tests on Wednesdays. For children who have a secured times table knowledge an extension task will be given each week. Example sheets can be taken home from our Maths Working Wall.

Our PE sessions will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday. Please make sure the children bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and keep it at school all week. If children do not have the correct kit they will not be able to take part in the session.

Correct kit consists of:

House colour t-shirt (either red, green, yellow or blue) or white t-shirt

Black shorts

Black pumps

For outside PE: plain trainers, change of socks and plain jogging bottoms, hoodie/warm top



We look forward to an eventful and exciting term. Please come and find us if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind Regards

Mrs Tarry and Mrs Rea