



RIVERS & MOUNTAINS – TERM 5 – YEAR 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

In **English**, we will use the story 'The Phonebooth in Mr Hirota's Garden' as our text. Children will write their own tale of the big wave, an explanation text on how to survive a Tsunami as well as explaining the cause and effects of a natural disaster. All extended pieces of writing and short bursts will go towards evidence for end of year 6 writing assessments. Children will be continuing a more independent approach to editing their work.

In **Maths**, we are focusing on statistics, shape and position and direction. There will be further revision of areas that are a heavy focus in SATs – particularly fractions, decimals and percentages, and the four operations. We will be continuing our weekly arithmetic practice on a Friday, particularly timing and suitable strategies. Times tables and division recall has never been so important so I must stress the importance of children logging into their Doodle & TT Rockstars daily, as opposed to weekly.

SATs

SATs week is 13th May - 16th May 2024

Running up to this important assessment period, lots of revision, extra sessions and exam technique skills will be taught to children in their daily lessons and some additional work will be done to ensure the children are as prepared as they can be. Please ensure your child's attendance is as high as possible – missing just one lesson can be crucial. We will be planning some fun, mindful and relaxing activities and events for the children after all their hard work.

Homework

Maths: Children are required to complete their Doodle Maths homework (Staying in the green zone, achieved by collecting their weekly target stars). They are also expected to complete their TT Rockstars session (15 mins per week) OR Doodle Tables (Target stars). This is monitored in school and those not completing it will be expected to do so on a Friday.

Reading: Children are required to read with an adult 4 times a week at home and this should be recorded in their planner. This is checked on Mondays.

Spellings: Children are required to complete their weekly spellings – 3 different ways, including 1 of these being the words written in context. This is checked on Mondays.

PE days will be on a **Thursday & Friday**. Please ensure kits are in line with school policy.

In this geography-driven theme, we will look at rivers and mountains, looking at the key aspects of human and physical features in different regions, look at OS maps and 6-figure grid reference mapping, exploring geographical changes in our local area and conduct local fieldwork.

In **Science**, we will look at classification of animals and plants. All other foundation subject themes for the term can be found on our school website [here](#)

Wishing you all a happy Easter break and we will see you in term 5.

Mrs Holmes & Mrs MacLeod