



Year 5 Newsletter

Spring 2



Seeking Refuge

Year 5 will continue with the topic 'Seeking Refuge', inspired by the text 'Sami's Silver Lining'. We will be focusing on why many refugees have to leave their home because of natural disasters. The children will be using, the internet, maps and atlases to locate countries affected by earthquakes and the impact they have on humans and physical features of earth.

English

The children will continue to read 'Sami's Silver Lining'. We will be focusing on inference skills and language choice. Writing will be based on ideas taken from the book and from current newspaper articles. Year 5 will be producing first-hand accounts and newspaper reports. They will be reporting on real life events and following a genre plan to produce a detailed report.

Maths

This half term we will continue to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. Amongst other concepts, children will be finding equivalent fractions, representing fractions in a range of ways and exploring the concepts of mixed numbers and improper fractions. Knowledge of times tables facts is essential when working with fractions and so it is extremely important children continue to practise these at home.

Online Safety

As part of our computing lessons, we will continue to focus on elements of online safety. Children will create posters to remind others how to stay safe when online.

Information for parents about online safety can be found on our school website. Please take a look at the handy guides of some of the apps your child may use.



Science

In our science lessons, we are continuing to focus on forces. The children will be visiting the 'Life Centre' at Newcastle where they will be making rockets and launching them. As well as learning about gravity and air-resistance, the children will be developing their investigation skills. They will be recording evidence and evaluating it.

Reading Plus/My Maths

The children have been working hard on developing their reading skills. We have seen fantastic progress and we are keen for this to continue. Children who wish to access Reading Plus and Renaissance Reading can do so at home. Those who want to further develop their reading can attend Reading Plus club every Thursday lunchtime.