



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all had a lovely summer. Mrs Padgett and I are delighted to see the children back in school. Our first week: 'Elements Week' has been focused around welcoming the children back into school life; with special focus around emotions, our hopes and dreams and mindfulness. We have also linked our learning to the four elements: fire, water, earth and air.

In **English**, we will be using a new text called 'Angel of Grasmere' by Tom Palmer. The story is set during the war, and talks about how the village of Grasmere pull together as a community. This text will be used to support the children to write a diary entry and a setting description, as well as building up to writing a narrative. We will recap some Year 4 grammar objectives, before learning new Year 5 grammar features.

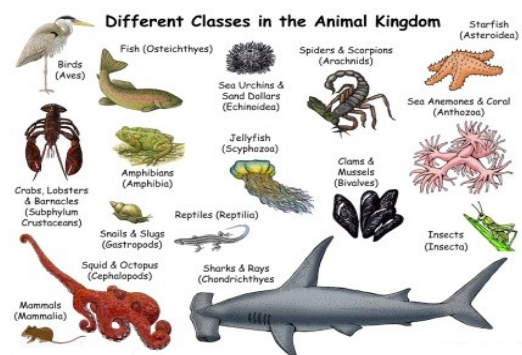
Our **Maths** work will start with a really important unit on place value where children will use, write, compare and solve problems with numbers up to one million. We will be looking at roman numerals too. After this, we will be recapping our work on column addition and subtraction. Children are expected to know all times tables to 12x12 by the end of Year 4, so it is vital that any gaps in this are filled as quickly as possible to enable children to access the types of calculations and problem solving that forms the Year 5 curriculum.



'Is there enough for everyone?' will be our **Geography** question this term. We will explore issues around renewable energy and sustainability and find out how we can help the environment through initiatives such as recycling. For an art project we will be undertaking in the coming term could we ask you to please send in any interesting fabrics you may have around the home that are unused and which we could use for an 'upcycling style' project based around fabric weaving.

This half term in **Science** we will begin with a biology unit called 'How do plants and animals reproduce?' Here we will investigate living things, look at how they are classified and identify differences and similarities between them. We will also find out about the work of naturalists and animal behaviourists such as David Attenborough and Jane Goodall.

Our **RE** topic this half term will be 'What does it mean for Muslims to follow God?' The children will find explore Islam, reflecting on the beliefs of Muslims and how this impacts how they live their lives. We will be going on a visit to a local mosque to speak with a Muslim faith leader there as a part of our ongoing leaning about faith. The letter for this was sent earlier this week.



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Homework:

Subject	Set	Due
Maths CGP book	Tuesday	Tuesday
English CGP book	Tuesday	Tuesday
Science	Half Termly	As stated on sheet

Our **PE** days are **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** and our PE sessions will be based on dance this half term.

Excitingly, our Residential trip to Castle Head will be happening next half term. I will be holding a parent information evening this half term on Thursday 2nd October at 5:30pm. I will provide information, talk to you about the activities and hand out medical forms.

As always, if you have any questions, please find me at the classroom door in the mornings or contact school.

Mrs Borrill