



# THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

## YEAR 5 NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 1

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back, we hope you had a good holiday. Our new topic for this term is 'The Island' we are looking at the effects of hurricanes on the Dominican Republic. Then going on to look at it's different physical features, linking this to our science topic on plants and animals. We will read the book The Hidden forest and dive beneath the surface of the ocean to the giant kelp forest below. We will consider the impact of human development on the environment, and in particular the parts that we cannot always see. There'll be plenty of opportunity for discussion and debate.

In Science we will be looking at lifecycles and reproduction in plants and animals. We are hoping to dissect flowers on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April , **please do let us know if your child suffers from hay fever or would benefit from taking an allergy tablet on this day.**

In Art we will be studying different habitats and creatures, mixing colours to reflect the mood and using lines and shades to represent what we have seen.

In Spanish we will be developing our conversational skills, building confidence to answer questions about ourselves, ask others about themselves and for help in shops! In the run up to the Spanish trip we really recommend spending 10 minutes a day using the Duolingo app, it's pitched at the right level and has speaking, listening and simple writing activities that will also help with your child's confidence. We will be holding a meeting to run through the itinerary, packing list and expectations **on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May** for all parents whose children are going to Spain, where we can also answer any questions you may have.

We are focusing on reading this term in Year 5 and would like all the children to bring in their reading book and reading journal each day. The children's homework for this term is to aim to read 4x a week with an adult at home. This can also be an adult reading to the child. In the reading journals, there are sheets for the children to record each time they read. When it is not possible for the children to read to an adult we would like them to read independently at home and complete the form. Please also encourage the children to write/ draw regularly about the book they are reading in their reading journals.

Spellings will continue to be on Fridays.

Please ask your child to spend 5-10 minutes a day learning any times tables they might not yet know. Hit the Button is a simple but effective website. This will really help them in all areas of maths but particularly fractions which is a big focus in Year 5 and Year 6.

### **Dates to remember**

**Wednesday:** Violins, Violas, Brass and woodwind lessons (orchestra and band after school) & PE kit for Tennis

**Thursday:** Cello, Bass lessons and whole class orchestra & PE kit –children come to school in PE kit (bring uniform to change into)

**Spain Trip meeting for Year 5 & 6 Parents: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 8.45 Junior Hall**

**Best Wishes, The Year 5 Team**