

Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Term 4, I hope you all had a great half-term.

World Book Day

World Book Day this year will be on Friday 8th March.

This year we would like children to come to school in fancy dress as a book character. Our theme for the day will be Roald Dahl however, children may choose to dress as any **BOOK** character they wish. There will be prizes awarded per year group for the best homemade fancy dress. We strongly encourage all children put their costumes together using things they already have at home so that everyone has an equal and fair chance at winning a prize.

This year we will also be doing 'Extreme reads' as we have done in previous years. We ask that children bring with them on World Book Day, a picture of them reading in a peculiar place. This has been a great success in previous years and we are looking forward to seeing the different places the children have been reading this year! There will also be prizes per pod for the most extreme read!

The Big Book Swap- following the success from last year, we would like children to bring in a book they are happy to swap with another child. Please ensure this is a book you are happy for your child to part ways with and not something with great sentimental value! On World Book Day children will swap their books and return home with a different book they haven't read.

We look forward to another fantastic World Book Day!

Year 5 and 6 Term 3 Newsletter

YEAR 5

In **Year 5** our Science topic is Earth and Space. The children will be exploring beyond the Earth, considering where and how it fits into the solar system along with the Sun and our moon, including phases of the moon and seasons. Our Power of Reading book is 'Cosmic - it's one giant leap for all boy-kind' by Frank Cottrell Boyce, a story about an ordinary 12-year-old who has an extraordinary adventure. Using this book for inspiration, the children will be writing character and setting descriptions, informal letters and persuasive leaflets. In Maths we will be learning about decimals and percentages, making links with existing

understanding of fractions. Spanish lessons recommence each Tuesday with our specialist language teacher. Our PE lessons will be focussed on handball and tennis. In Geography, we will be looking at what life is like in The Alps Considering the climate of mountain ranges and why people choose to visit the Alps; focusing on Innsbruck and looking at the human and physical features that attract tourists. Then comparing the Alps to the children's own locality.

YEAR 6

Welcome back to term 4! We are half way through the year already.

We will, in English, continue the novel, 'Goodnight Mr. Tom'. This will include watching the film and making a comparison with the book. Maths continues with our study of algebra - we will also be looking at shape, volume and ratio. We are working very hard on arithmetic skills alongside these topic areas.

We will start our Geography unit 'Where does our energy come from?'

In PE we will be improving our handball skills; in our outdoor session, we be improving our tag rugby skills. The children will be starting work on their memory books so any photos of the children at school – individual or class – would be appreciated.

A date for a meeting for parents regarding Kingswood will be sent out ASAP.

Yours sincerely

UKS2 Team