

# Year 5 Curricular Letter

Summer Term 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you have all managed to have a relaxing and peaceful Easter break. The children have settled back in really well and have produced some fantastic work. Well Done Year 5!

This half term has started well and continues to be busy. Mrs Fothergill and Mrs Turner will continue to teach the year group on a Thursday afternoon. They will be teaching Art and Music. **Please note the change of PE day. Children should come to school on Wednesdays in PE kit.**

If you have any queries, concerns, or simply a question, please don't hesitate to send either of us an email. We will be more than happy to help! Our email addresses are [k.blackledge@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.blackledge@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk) and [t.norris@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:t.norris@st-georges.lancs.sch.uk). Thank you for your continued support!

This half term our topic is '**Why do Volcanoes explode?**' We will be exploring stories and topics in this area. Please take some time to talk to your children about the topic, read books and stories, watch programmes and think of some questions they can explore in class. See the bottom of the letter for recommended reads for the half term.

## The Half Term Ahead

Science-  
Are all  
changes  
reversible?

Literacy-  
Can I write my own  
version of a classic  
text?

Computing -  
Can a computer  
tell me when a  
volcano is going  
to erupt?

PE -  
Can teamwork  
help in  
rounders?

Geography  
Why would  
you choose  
to live at  
the bottom  
of a  
volcano?

PSHE - How  
can we keep  
healthy as  
we grow?

Music - How is  
our way of life  
shaped by music?

French -  
Qu'est-ce que  
tu vas faire en  
vacances?

RE - How did  
the news of  
Jesus'  
resurrection  
spread?

Art - Can I  
use Maths in  
my artwork?

Literacy- Can we use  
multiple text types to  
excite and inform Class 7  
about volcanoes?

## Days to Remember

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

PE lesson

Thursday

Mrs Fothergill and Mrs  
Turner teach in the  
afternoon

Friday

Swimming

Spelling and  
multiplication test

### English

We have started this half term by reading the narrative poem 'The Highwayman' by Alfred Noyes. We will use our active reading strategies to analyse the text as well as practise our comprehension skills. We will then use this as inspiration to write our own version.

We will continue by exploring hybrid texts in detail and the children will be writing their own. The hybrid texts will focus on explanation with instructions within them based on our Geography topic of Volcanos.

As part of our grammar this term, we will be looking at identifying and using brackets and dashes. We shall look at when they are used appropriately within our writing.

### Homework

Homework will continue to be sent out half termly - each half term you will receive a home learning menu.

As explained on the menu, you must complete the Maths and English activities as well as one RE activity. The rest is up to you. The homework menu will allow you to be creative and imaginative in what you decide to produce.

### Recommended Books around Our Topic

- Earth Shattering Events by Sophie Williams
- The Pebble in my Pocket: A History of our Earth by Meredith Hooper
- Survivors by David Long

### Reading

Your child will take part in a Guided Reading lesson where they will be responding to a range of activities based upon the chosen text. Please continue to note down every time your child reads at home. It was wonderful to give out so many reading certificates before Easter. Let's continue!

Your child also has access to 'Bug Club.' Your child has access to a wide range of books using this website.

### Maths

We continue to use the Maths No Problem scheme in school with great success. The areas covered this half term continue to relate to number work - decimals and percentages. Children will continue to practice their multiplication tables in class and using the Times Tables Rockstars App. Your support of this at home too is much appreciated. Just as phonics is a key to unlocking reading, rapid recall of multiplication facts unlocks maths for children and underpins all learning.

### Spellings

Spellings will be sent home on a Friday to practise for a test on the following Friday. The words will be the basis of our spelling sessions throughout the week when spelling rules and patterns will be discussed and learnt.

We are looking forward to seeing the children continue to develop and grow over the next half term. We have got some exciting topics and activities planned which we cannot wait to start!

Many thanks,

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Class 9 Teacher

Mr Norris  
Class 10 Teacher

Mrs Gregson  
Deputy Headteacher