

# Year 5 Newsletter

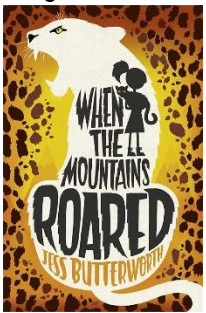
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## General Information

We have settled back in to school routine really well. All the teachers have been really happy with how sensible the children have been with the changes to our timetable, washing and sanitising hands and the zones in the playground. If you need to speak to us, at the end of the school day, please be mindful of social distancing and that children will be collected by their parents up until 3.35 so please bear with us if we can't speak to you straightaway.

## What are we learning?

Our class book at the moment is *When the Mountains Roared* by Jess Butterworth. It's about a girl who moves from Australia to India and tries to save the leopards living around her hotel from poachers!



In Science, we are learning about Space and our solar system. We've loved hearing the facts the children have been learning about space at home – keep them coming! After half term we'll be learning about different forces!

In Geography, we're learning about mountain formation and key mountain ranges across the world. Our History focus is on Ancient Islamic civilisation and after half term we'll be looking into key figures from Black History.

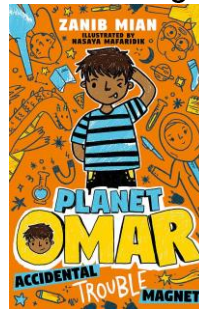
In art, we've been learning about cubism and have started to create our own interpretations of objects in our classroom inspired by artists such as Picasso!

## Reading for Pleasure

We have loved how enthusiastic the children are about reading. We've been lucky enough to be paired with an author/illustrator pen pal who will be writing to us throughout the year. Her name is Emma McCann! She has illustrated books in the Bear Grylls series and Anisha the Accidental Detective series!



## Reading Recommendations



Planet Omar

Zanib Mian

Rated ★★★★★ by  
Mr Payne



The Land of Roar

Jenny McLachlan

Rated ★★★★★ by  
Miss Coutts

## Times Tables



Due to the wider school closures, the children didn't manage to complete the Multiplication Check last year. Although they won't be completing the statutory test this year, times tables remain extremely important to the children achieving well in maths.

If your child cannot remember their Times Tables Rockstars password, let us know and we will print their log in details off for them.

Daily practise will help them be more accurate and fluent in their new Year 5 maths learning.

## Other information

- PE for Year 5 is on a Tuesday afternoon, please make sure your child comes to school in clothing appropriate for the weather that day as they may be outside.
- In D&T we are designing pencil pot holders. Please save any small boxes or tubes for us to use when we start creating our designs!
- Please make sure you have signed up the Class Dojo app and your child has their account set up as this is how we will send learning home in case your child needs to isolate.
- Even though your child is in Year 5 now (time's flown by quickly, hasn't it!), reading to or with your child is still very beneficial. Reading them a chapter of their book or starting a new book to read before bedtime together is not only a lovely way to spend time with them but will also improve their reading!