

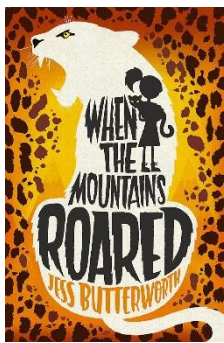
# Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 2021

## General Information

We have settled back into routine wonderfully. All the teachers have been really happy with the children's behaviour especially as they can use the whole playground again! If you need to speak to us at the end of the school day, please bear with us as we dismiss the rest of our classes first. We will get to you as soon as we can!

## What are we learning?



Our class book at the moment is **When the Mountains Roared** by *Jess Butterworth*. It is about a young 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 how enthusiastic the children are about our new topic. Keep telling all your wonderful facts!

In geography, we are learning about mountains and key mountain formations across the world. Our history focus is on Ancient Islamic Civilisation and after half term we will be looking at the people we commemorate from the past and why people may be remembered differently.

In computing, we will be learning to present work in different ways on a variety of software such as Microsoft Word, PowerPoint and Publisher!

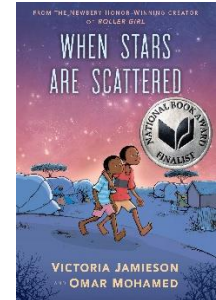
## Reading for Pleasure

You might have noticed that Miss Coutts and Mr Payne **love** reading! We know how important reading can be for children's learning. Therefore, we spend lots of time sharing wonderful books that we have found. We have a huge collection of our own personal books in school that we share with the children. We just ask that they're looked after carefully!

## Reading Recommendations



**Pages & Co**  
*Anna James*  
Rated ★★★★★  
by Miss Coutts



**When Stars are Scattered**  
*Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed*  
Rated ★★★★★  
by Mr Payne

## Times Tables

Even though there are no statutory tests for times tables in Year 5, it is still really important for children to know them! This is because in Year 5, the calculations we solve get more difficult and being able to recall your times tables will help you achieve well in maths lessons. If your child cannot remember their log-in details for TTR, please let us know.

We expect children to practise their times tables for at least 5 minutes a day. They have an opportunity to do this in school once a week.

## Other information

- Year 5 PE is on a Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child comes to school in appropriate clothing for PE that day. If it is very hot, children may be outside so a cap would be great!
- Please make sure your child brings a reusable water bottle in to school. This helps us prevent the spread of coronavirus.
- We will be using Class Dojo to send messages and share learning. Please let us know if you are having trouble logging in.
- Your child is in Year 5 (hasn't time flown!) but reading with your child is still hugely beneficial. We expect children to read every day but sharing a book together at bedtime is just as important!