

UKS2 Newsletter

Friday 19th October



A message from the team...

We're really pleased to be launching this Upper Key Stage 2 newsletter to keep you informed about what we're learning. We've also included key discussion points for you to have at home that will support the work we are doing in school.

In English:

Year 5

- We're writing vivid setting descriptions based on 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell.

Key Question: What is an expanded noun phrase and how are they used in setting descriptions?

Year 6

- We're writing our own myths based on our brilliant book 'The Girl of Ink and Stars' by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.

Key Question: How can we use alliteration and personification to describe the sea?

In Geography:

Year 5

- We're learning all about 6 figure grid references in the UK National Grid.

Key Question: How does the six figure grid system help us to navigate around the UK?

Year 6

- We're studying how maps are drawn to scale.

Key Question: How can you calculate the real distance if you know the scale on a map?

In Maths:

Year 5

- We're developing our skills of rounding and using mental strategies for addition and subtraction.

Key Question: Can you think of an example of a time when you might use rounding.

Year 6

- We're exploring factors, multiples, prime and square numbers.

Key Question: How do factor bugs differ between those made for prime numbers and those made for square numbers?

In Science:

Year 5

- We're exploring the factors that affect the rate of dissolving and how to separate different mixtures.

Key Question: Why do you think the temperature of water affect how quickly sugar or salt dissolves in it?

Year 6

- We're conducting our own enquiry to test the theory: bird's beaks have adapted to suit their environment.

Key Question: How does our enquiry link to Charles Darwin's observations?