# Year 5 Newsletter

Summer Term 2 2023

# **Topic**

The Year 5 topic this half term will be 'The Blue Planet'. The children will find out about life under the sea and begin to examine the effects that humans can have on life in the deep. They will particularly focus on the effects of plastic pollution.

In art, the children will choose a favourite sea creature and produce a clay tile of their creature. They will choose from a range of mediums to produce a mixed media collage of an under the sea scene.

# Reading

Reading is the most important skill a child can master. At Errington, the children complete a Star Reader test each half term. They will then be given a reading range from which to choose their reading books. Children read their book in school each day and are expected to read at home each night for at least 20 minutes. When they finish a book, they complete a guiz on the book in school. In addition to this, children work on Reading Plus at least 4 times a week and have a guided reading session with their teacher.



# Science

In Science, our focus this term is 'Growing Up and Growing Old'. Over the half term, we will look at how we grow, and how our bodies change from birth to old age.

# R.E

In RE this term, your child will be learning about the role pilgrimage plays in the major world religions.





# reading plus Home Learning CENTURY

In year Y5, children are provided with weekly homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a Friday and must be returned on the following Wednesday. As a school, we provide the children with access to a range of exciting on-line learning environments. These include, Purple Mash, Times Tables Rock Stars, Reading and Century. These can be found on the Learning Zone on the school website and on the Year 5 Share Point.

## Maths

In maths, the children will learn about angles. They will classify, measure and draw angles and use what they have learnt in reasoning situations. They will use coordinates in the 1st and 2nd quadrants to reflect and translate shapes. The children will then revise decimals, adding and subtracting decimals, and using their knowledge of place value to multiply and divide decimals by 10, 100 and 1000.

# **English**

In English, the children will begin by writing setting descriptions about a stormy sea, using literal and figurative language. Their setting descriptions will be woven into an adventure story. They will then write formal letters about the effects of plastic pollution on the environment. They will write in a formal tone, using appropriate grammatical features.

### Computing

In Computing, we will be working on developing our Coding skills. The children will design scenes and insert objects which they will control using computer code. They will then become 'Game Designers' and design games for their friends to play.

#### P.E.

Year 5 pupils will continue to have PE once a week on a Monday. On that day, we ask that your child wears a school P.E kit. This comprises of a pair of black shorts or joggers, a white t-shirt and trainers.