



LEARNING LETTER

Class 5

Miss Etchells supported by Mrs Roberts
Spring 1 2025-2026



Welcome back Class 5! We hope you had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

CURRICULUM

This half term, we are all about Geography! Our topic is 'Derbyshire and the South Aegean, Greece'. We will begin by looking at how the world is represented on globes and maps. We will study the key geographical features, both human and physical, of the UK, particularly Derbyshire, before comparing to those of the South Aegean region. We will then learn about tectonic plates, and how these link to both earthquakes and volcanoes, before finding out about specific examples from the South Aegean region.



In Science, we will be learning about the states of matter. We will learn how to identify solids, liquids and gases based on their properties. We will also learn how to describe the processes of melting, freezing, condensing and evaporating, linking to the water cycle.

Our first text in English is called 'The story of Tutankhamun' which we will use to write a non-chronological report about Howard Carter and his discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb. Our second text is 'The whale' which we will be using to write a film pitch.

Our class reader this half term is 'The boy who fell from the sky' by Benjamin Dean. This epic adventure tells the story of twelve-year-old Zed who wishes to follow his dad's footsteps to become a Demon Hunter. When Spark appears one night, he challenges everything Zed thought he knew....



Please keep an eye on our class page on the school website, where you will be able to look at some of the exciting learning we get up to!

SUPPORTING LEARNING AT HOME

Topic homework – We have three great homework challenges for you to get stuck into this half term!

Reading homework – Each half term, the children will take part in our school reading Olympics with opportunity to achieve bronze, silver, gold, and platinum badges for reading at home. I would love for every child to beat their personal best! Please read at home with your child a minimum of 3 times per week. Where possible, please ask questions about the book they are reading to continuously improve their comprehension skills. Children should also be encouraged to log into Nessy reading at home if not yet completed.

Maths homework – Year 4 is a crucial year for times table fluency with the national multiplication check occurring in June. Please practice times tables with children as much as possible and please encourage children to practice on Hit the button and Doodle. Children will be rewarded with a badge in assembly each time they master a new times table! Children will also be sent home with maths fluency homework each week to consolidate knowledge.

GENERAL REMINDERS

This term, our school value is 'A sense of adventure'. We will be looking for children who are trying new things and pushing themselves out of their comfort zones.

PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday. On Friday, PE is swimming, please ensure you bring your swimming kit, towel and goggles (if you so wish to use them). Normal PE kit on a Wednesday. Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct Bramley Vale PE kit. All school uniform can be purchased from the school office. A polite reminder that children are to wear black footwear.

We expect children to show responsibility for their belongings. Please ensure all items are labelled with their name.



Homework

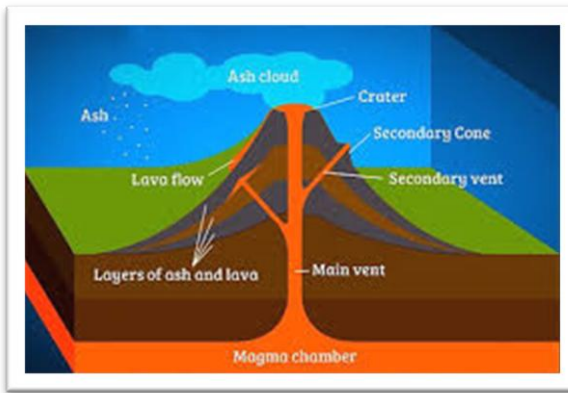
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CRAVE CURRICULUM Geography- Derbyshire and the South Aegean.

Please choose one of the following homework challenges to complete. You may do more than one activity. Dojos will be awarded.
Please bring your completed project back to school by Monday 9th February.



Create a 3D model of a volcano showing the different features. It could even be a working model! Can you add labels/ explanation of how it works?



Create a TV advert to persuade people to visit the South Aegean. Tell people what geographical features they can expect to see, what the climate is like and any other interesting facts.



Create a model of the water cycle. It could be 2D or 3D. Add labels and captions using key scientific vocabulary e.g. evaporation, condensation.