



Asia Class Year 5



Let Your light shine!

Happy New Year and welcome back!

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and managed to find some time to relax amidst all the busyness of the season.

Please make sure your child has a coat and wellies in school at all times so they can continue to enjoy their breaks even in the colder weather.

Maths (on Doodle) and English homework will continue to be set each week and spellings will continue to be on Monday.

Just a reminder that classroom water bottles should only contain water and that long hair should be tied back every day.

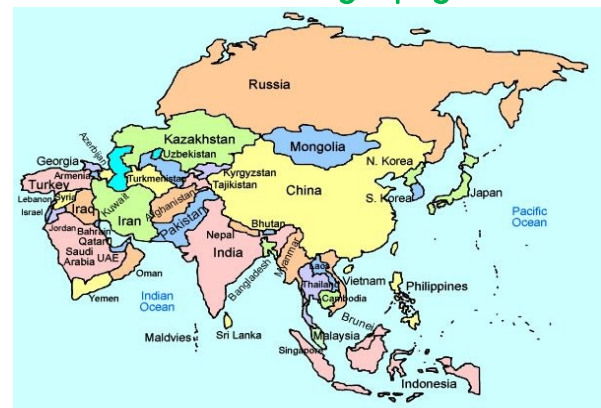
PE will now be on a Monday and Thursday.

Any questions please contact the office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

This half term's learning:

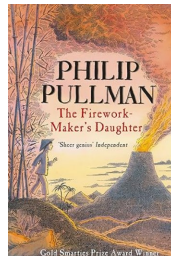
This term's topic is **Asia: Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Mountains!**

This means our topic focus this term will be **Geography.**



English learning objectives:

We will be using our suspense writing skills and integrating dialogue to convey character when we write quest stories inspired by the 'The Firework Maker's



Daughter' - a story set in Indonesia.

After looking at the features of effective explanations, we will also write our own explanations about how mountains are formed which will help us to apply some of our geography knowledge.

Maths learning objectives:

In Maths we will be developing our knowledge of extended multiplication and division methods before moving on to learn more about fractions, so once again fast, accurate times table knowledge will be essential—keep making use of Times Tables Rock-stars!

We will also be developing our problem solving and reasoning skills through a range of tasks, activities and games.

Other curriculum areas :

This half term we will be starting our new topic about Asia in which we will begin by learning about the key human and physical features and the significant borders of the continent. We will move on to look at tectonic plates and the formation of mountains.

In Science we will be learning about the many different properties of materials and their associated uses.

In Computing we will investigate how flat-file database can be used to organise data in records

Our Art work will be linked to our Geography topic and will focus on the work of the Japanese artist Hokusai and his piece entitled 'The Great Wave.'

Our RE this term has a philosophical focus as we consider what we can learn about the world, knowledge and the meaning life from the teachings of the great philosophers.