



# Year Five News

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## Natural Disasters



Our enquiry question for geography this half term is: '**Where in the world are the most natural disasters?**' We will be learning all about the cause and effect of these events, evaluating the impact on people and the planet, and wondering about the frequency of such events in the future. Our learning will culminate in writing a travel guide to the riskiest places on the planet!

### Mayhill Habit

**RESILIENCE**

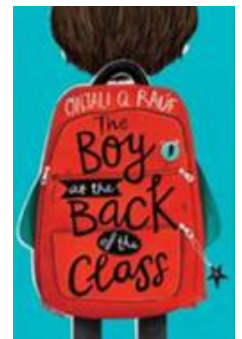
Each half term has a different Mayhill Habit which the children will enquire into, develop a deeper understanding of and be able to explain how they are able to apply this habit into their own learning and life. This half-term's habit of focus is **RESILIENCE**.

### English



We move on to using "The Island" by Armin Greder in Spring 2, which is an astonishing and powerful picture book about refugees and human rights. It tackles big themes in subtle ways with a fable-like text and stunning artwork that will provoke discussion among the children. We will finish the unit with a newspaper report, including the perfect form of verbs to showcase the children's writing skills. Continuing with this theme, we will then move on to look at 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. It is a child's perspective on the refugee crisis, highlighting the importance of friendship and kindness in a world that doesn't always make sense. The children will explore persuasive writing skills: we will revisit the impact of modal verbs; focus on cohesion throughout the children's writing and use

a wide range of clause structures, varying their position in the sentence. We will then write a 1<sup>st</sup> person narrative to support the children's understanding of tense choice.



**INDEPENDENCE  
COMMUNICATION**

**CRITICAL THINKING  
RESILIENCE**

**COLLABORATION  
RESPECT**

## Maths

In Spring 1 we started our fractions work in year 5-our biggest domain. We will be building last term's learning of equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will be learning how to add and subtract different denominators, multiply fractions by whole numbers and find fractions of amounts.

After this, we will be looking at fractions, decimals and percentages. We will learn how to convert between the three and how to round decimal numbers. Both of these units will be heavily reliant of a knowledge and understanding of their times tables and related division facts.

Please can you support your child by ensuring they complete their maths homework each week and encouraging them to log on to Times Tables Rock Stars for regular times tables practice.



## Science

Our scientific focus will continue to be 'Properties and Changes of Materials'. We will discover how materials react with one another, changing states of matter and reversible and irreversible changes.

## PE/Games

Children have two PE sessions each week, with each session lasting an hour – including changing time. It is really important that children have their kit in school on these days. As the weather is now getting wetter and cooler please ensure that your child has black or navy blue tracksuit bottoms in their kit and a **non-hooded** sweatshirt (not their school jumper).

- **Activity 1: Thursday afternoon –Touch rugby**
- **Activity 2: Friday afternoon – yoga**



## Homework

Each week your child will have Reading, Times Tables (TTRS) and Spellings to complete at home. Alongside these tasks, each Wednesday a Maths and Reading weekly workout will be set which is due in the following

Monday.

We are all very much looking forward to an exciting half-term. If you have any questions or comments about your child's learning, do send a note in or come speak to us.

Kind regards,

The Year Five team  
*Mrs Allen and Mrs Thomas*

## Dates for the diary:

### February:

19<sup>th</sup>-return to school  
19-23<sup>rd</sup> Pentathlon week

### March:

4<sup>th</sup> author visit  
7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day  
7<sup>th</sup> WONKA Bar event- FOMS  
11-16<sup>th</sup> Science week  
15<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day  
18<sup>th</sup> – Last week clubs  
20<sup>th</sup> – voice in million trip  
25<sup>th</sup> -Easter Egg hunt  
26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening  
27<sup>th</sup> Rock Steady Concert  
28<sup>th</sup>- Last day of term

### April:

15<sup>th</sup> - Summer Term starts