



### Looking forward....

During this half term, Year 5 will begin their final topic 'Exploring Our World', where our learning will teach children about using and understanding mapping skills and the physical geography in the world around us.

As scientists, we will be delving into the chemical world; looking at the properties of various materials and how they are used. We will also be re-visiting Oakwood to use their science labs in an investigation on the use of gases and their importance in relation to fire (very exciting!)

As Geographers, we will deepen our understanding of maps and know when specific types are used. We will be paying particular attention to South America and the Amazon Rainforest.

As Artists, we will be developing our oil pastel skills and as Designers, we will furthering our construction skills in making a bee hotel.

The children will continue with their drumming sessions where they will further the skills they learnt in Year 4 and continue their understanding of, and ability to read, musical notation. Weekly, Year 5 will continue to receive lessons in Spanish, ICT, PSHE and RE.

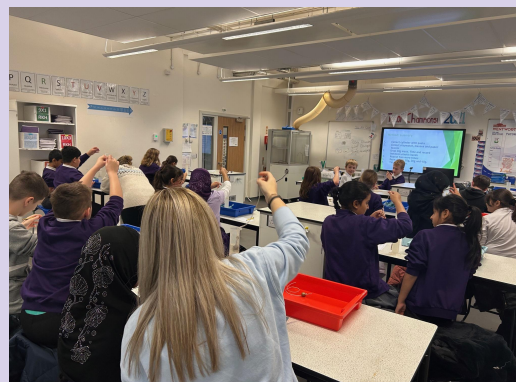
### A reflection....

Welcome back to our Summer term! The Year 5 team were wowed by the progress we made last half term and enjoyed learning even more about the Tudors with the children. We saw some phenomenal attitudes to learning and some of the home learning projects completed were outstanding.

At the start of the term, the children participated in book events, where we looked at 'The Bluest of the Blues' as our stimulus; this week also included World Book Day. During this week, children studied and recreated the artwork from the book, detailed sketches of shells and a range of different insects. Children also wrote two biographies based on famous figures which we studied in writing lessons - Anna Atkins and Henry VIII. All pieces of writing were a joy to read and reflected the growing skills and confidence of these young writers.

Throughout the term, all classes had the opportunity to become scientists and complete a practical lesson at Oakwood based on friction. We worked hard in Maths to deepen our understanding of perimeter and area and fractions, which will also continue this term.

Finally, we completed our topic, 'Off With Their Heads', by performing our Anne Boleyn's execution trial. We are sure you will agree with us that the children's performances were outstanding!



### Special mentions!

**Our main characters in Anne Boleyn's execution trial:** Jayden, Beth, Hannah, Ismaeel S, Aisha, Ismaeel H, Muhammad, Anja, Zoya, Fatima, & Emma-Kate

**Our Pupils of the Term:** Amelia, Zain, Adelia, Oscar, Aiza & Robert

## Reading....

At Sitwell Junior School, we aim to encourage children to acquire a love of reading. Part of this requires the children to be able to read fluently, so it is really important that you listen to your child read every day. This only needs to be for a short time each day, as little and often is the best approach when supporting your child with their reading.

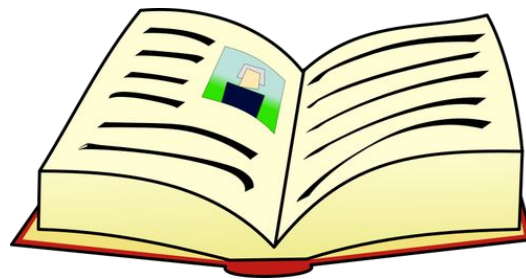
This year, we are continuing with Marvellous Me as a way of recording your child's reading at home. Through the app, you will be able to access a link to a form that should be submitted weekly before Friday morning. If you are yet to sign up to Marvellous me, please contact the office who will be happy to help.

In addition to this, your child should have login details to Reading Eggs, a computer based programme which is tailored to your child's reading ability. The site has a wealth of reading texts and questions for your child to work through. As well as accessing this in class, they will be able to do so at home, providing you with further insight into your child's reading ability. If your child has forgotten their log in details, the class teacher can access these for them.

### Supporting your child at home...

**All of the objectives which we will cover in our Maths, English and topic sessions are outlined on the school website. If you wish to support your child at home, or to discuss their learning with them, please use the following link:**

[Long Term Plans](#)



### Reminders!

#### P.E. Schedule

The Year 5 children will have two sessions of PE every week. All three classes have a session on a Tuesday. 5TS and 5MC have their other session on Monday, whereas 5ZN have theirs on a Friday. We ask that all children come to school in their P.E. kit on the days that they have P.E. PE kit is as follows: white t-shirt, black shorts/leggings, black pumps (indoor), black tracksuit, and trainers (outdoor).

#### Twitter and Marvellous Me

If you would like to keep up-to-date with your child's learning in school, then check out the school's Twitter page. The account details are listed at the top and bottom of this newsletter. We also encourage you to track your child's learning on the Marvellous Me app.

#### Times Tables

We encourage children to practise their times tables on Times Table Rock Stars. These skills are so important and can be applied throughout maths.