



Asia Class Year 5



Let Your light shine!

Happy New Year and welcome back!

I 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 and English homework will continue to be set each Tuesday to be returned the following week and spellings will continue to be on Monday.

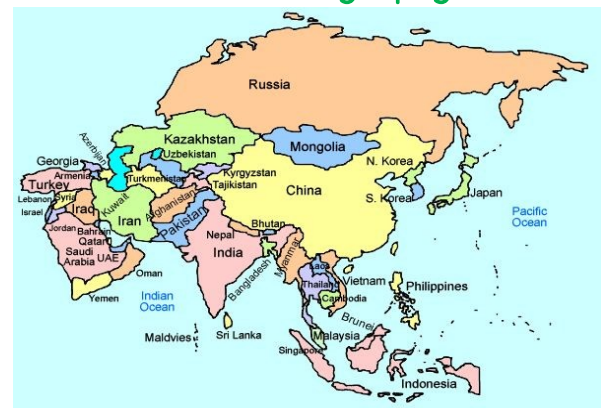
Just a reminder that classroom water bottles should only contain water and that long hair should be tied back every day.

PE will now be on a Thursday and Friday. The children will also be having Forest School sessions every Friday so please ensure they have suitable warm/waterproof clothing in school.

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:

This half term we will begin by learning about the features and purpose of explanation texts before writing our own explanations about how mountains are formed which links with our Geography topic. We will then move on to look at the exciting Philip Pullman novel 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' which is set in the Asian country of Indonesia, before writing our own choose your adventure style suspense narratives based on the text.

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 Rockstars!

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 begin looking at coding skills and build up to creating our own playable game. 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.