

# Seymour Road Academy Newsletter

## Year 5

*Welcome back!*

*Welcome back to the Year 5 newsletter! Weve had an amazing start to the New Year with the Year 5s displaying a fantastic attitude towards our new topic of Ranulph Fiennes! We are looking forward to a fantastic term and hope to keep you updated and celebrate all the achievements of the children.*

*A big thank you from Miss Williams and Miss Hart!*

### *Top Tips for Survival*



#### *Surviving Year 5*

*Year 5 is a challenging year and to ensure that all children feel happy and confident, here are a few extra websites for them to explore at home:*

*<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/levels/zbr9wmrv>*

*Education City: This is a useful website for the children to use which will help them revise and consolidate their learning.*

*Top tips: early nights, eat a healthy breakfast and always ask a teacher if unsure of anything. We are here to help!*

### *Respect Curriculum*



#### *Ranulph Fiennes*

*The explorer that we are studying this term is Ranulph Fiennes, who is a British adventurer and novelist. He is best known for his record breaking journey, where he circumnavigated the world on its polar axis, only using surface transport. He has broken many world records such as climbing every continents highest mountain and is a very inspirational man.*

*Through this topic we will be covering: map skills, non-chronological reports, biographies, research of the different places he would have visited and some of the wildlife that he would have encountered and story writing. We will also be sketching some of the places that Ranulph travelled through and creating 3D landscape of the Sahara desert or Antarctica.*

## Maths



During the Autumn term, we have been focusing a lot on number and the place value of large numbers. We are now able to read large numbers up to and over 10 million.

This half term we have begun learning about statistics, interpreting many different types of graphs, tables, and timetables. We've pushed ourselves to solve tricky problems and shown great resilience when they got tough!

We are continuing to work on our times table knowledge through practicing on Times Table Rockstars. With some of our band reaching 'Rock Hero' status meaning they can answer times table questions in under a second! We will continue to practice this with weekly draws and prizes for the most improved player!

## English



During the Autumn term the Year 5 classes worked really hard to improve their grammar and understanding of language features.

We are now focusing on a balanced argument and debate about whether Roblox should be played in school. The children are working on their debate skills and focusing on writing in formal tone.

In guided reading, we are reading the novel 'Skellig' by David Almond and focusing on the key reading skills. The children are really enjoying the novel so far – its keeping them guessing!

## Updates



What, where & when?

Homework will be sent out every Friday followed by spellings on a Monday. All homework MUST be brought in by Wednesday and spellings must be learnt for Friday.

Homework may be on Education City so make sure you have your log in!

PE will be every Friday, so it essential that they bring a pair of pumps or trainers. Each child has been given a PE kit, which will be left and washed in school.

The children are going to be completing their missions every Thursday, which run alongside the RESPECT curriculum. These missions will be supported by Commando Glenn, to ensure a successful mission.

We look forward to a great year ahead!