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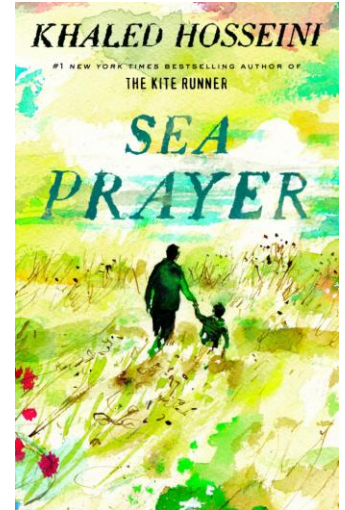
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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our newsletter for Summer 1!

This half term, our Geography topic is **Migration**. We will explore what migration is and why people move, learning about migration over time as well as celebrating the rich diversity within our local community. Through case studies and discussion, the children will develop an understanding of how migration has shaped societies and continues to influence our world today. In **English**, our focus text will be *Sea Prayer* by Khaled Hosseini. The children will explore the themes of hope, fear and belonging, and will write a **diary entry from a first-person point of view**, imagining the thoughts and feelings of a child on a journey to safety. They will use emotive language, descriptive imagery and figurative language to convey mood and perspective, helping them to develop empathy and deepen their narrative writing skills.



Some resources you could use to learn more at home are:

- BBC Bitesize: explore Migration further - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z47dmbk>
- Find out more about the life of Pakal the Great - https://kids.kiddle.co/Khaled_Hosseini

In **Maths**, we will be consolidating our understanding of **place value** and the **four operations**: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will use their existing knowledge to solve increasingly challenging problems and develop confidence in choosing the most efficient methods. Secure understanding of **times tables** will be especially important to support this learning, so regular practice at home will be very beneficial.



Farm To Fork

In **Design and Technology**, the children will be learning about **food from farm to fork**. They will explore where our food comes from, how it is produced and processed, and the journey it takes before reaching our plates. The children will also consider **nutritional choices**, learning about balanced diets and how to make healthy food decisions. Through this, they will develop a greater understanding of food preparation, sustainability and healthy living.

In **Science**, we will be studying the **life cycles of plants and animals**, building on the children’s prior learning from KS1. The children will explore how different animals and plants grow and change over time, learning to identify similarities and differences between life cycles. Through observation and discussion, they will develop a deeper understanding of growth, reproduction and survival.

Homework expectations

Please take some time to look at the following table to see what your child should be doing at home to extend their learning:

Activity/Task	Frequency
Reading their book band book	X3 a week
TT Rockstar - Soundcheck	Daily – for 10 minutes
Spelling Shed	Daily - for 5 minutes

You should already have your Spelling Shed and TTRockstars logins, but please let us know if you are having any problems accessing this at home. Please also make sure you are trying your best to read at home: even if it’s just two pages each night.

Homework Challenge

Interview a family or community member about why and how they moved, how it made them feel, and be ready to share their migration story with the class.

P.E

Our P.E Day this year is **Friday**. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.

Thank you!

The Year Five team