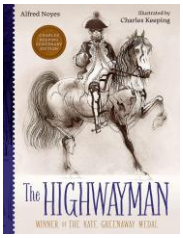
Dear Year 5 families,
Welcome back! We hope you all had a great half term. We have spent the week learning about kites, designing our own and will be making our final products as part of DT week.

Our learning journey for this half term will be:

Brindishe Manor

Literacy – Poetry and Recounts
We will begin the term by completing poetry study with a focus on The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. Children will explore this narrative poem as well as other poetic forms and have a go at writing their own poems. Finally, children will write a recount which will link to our Geography learning on volcanoes.



Maths – Multiplication and Division: Children will finish off our multiplication unit by multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000.
Fractions: Children will be consolidating their learning on equivalent fractions from Year 4 and then move on to converting between improper fractions and mixed numbers. As well as this, children will add and subtract fractions and mixed numbers.
Please encourage your child to continue practising their times tables up to 12 and the related division facts. Don't forget SUMDOG has some brilliant times table games. For this unit, times tables are essential! It is also great for other areas of maths to improve fluency.

Science – Firstly we will be concluding your unit on **Life cycles**. After that, **Properties and Changes of Materials.** Within this unit children will explore magnetism, transparency and hardness; electrical conductivity; insulation and everyday materials. What materials are things in your home made out? Why have they been made from them?

Art- Typography: We will continue exploring the artistic style of typography; we will build our own lands and maps using typography.

Geography – Volcanoes: In this unit children will be answering the enquiry question: How do volcanoes affect the lives of people near volcanoes? We will help them explore this by researching the area around Cotopaxi in Ecuador and its impact on the surrounding area.

RE – Islam – Hajj and Id Al Adha: This half-term children will learn about the pilgrimage to Hajj and what Hajj means to Muslims.

Computing – Creating Media – Video editing: Children will be dramatizing scenes from The Highwayman and learning about camera angles as well as simple editing tools and techniques.

Music – Children will conclude their unit on Living on a prayer Children will be exploring and learning about the music genre of jazz as well as learning song for our Winter Performance.

P.E. – Netball and Dance: In Netball, children will learn the rules of Netball as well as defending and attacking strategies. In Dance, they will be interpreting a piece of music and performing using a range of choreographic skills.

Spanish – Time in the City: Children will learn words and phrases to discuss city life. They will speak, listen and read these phrases in Spanish.

PSHME – Relationships: This half-term we will continue with our focus on safe relationships and consent. Children will be looking at examples of safe and healthy friendships. This will be followed by discussing what it means to respect oneself and others, including identifying discrimination and protected characteristics. We will also learn about Anti-Bullying week during the week of the 16th of November.

Enjoy your weekend,
Mr Hickford and Miss Tothova

Please read with your child every day at home (20 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.
Your child can borrow books from our class library as often as they would like. Please remember to return these when you have finished reading them.

Please encourage your child to practice their times-tables regularly. SUMDOG and Hit the Button are two excellent platforms for this.

PE Days: Mondays and Thursday – Latimer class.
Curie class – Wednesday and Thursday.
Please ensure that your child wears PE kit into school on these days (t-shirt, sweatshirt, leggings/shorts/ tracksuit bottoms and trainers).

Year 5 Home learning: Each week we will post home learning suggestions for you on our school website.