



# Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

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## Y5 Spring Year Group letter

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Y5,

Happy New Year! We hope you have had a lovely festive break and are ready for a fresh and exciting new year. This term we are **World Explorers!** We will be discovering the great mountains and rivers of the world across our Literacy, Science and Topic lessons.

- **Science:** Which materials will help us survive in the diverse conditions experienced on mountains? We will be exploring the properties of materials and discovering which changes of state are reversible.
- **Topic:** Finding out about fascinating rivers and mountains in North and South America and around the world.
- **Writing:** Mountain poetry and instructions on how to catch a mythical mountain monster!
- **Guided Reading:** developing our comprehension skills through reading and discussing a range of texts: Non-fiction text (How to Be a World Explorer), Poetry (The Highwayman), Narrative (The Happy Prince). We will also be learning how to read expressively and with confidence out loud.
- **Class Reader:** The Island at the End of Everything by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
- **Maths:** Division, Fractions, Percentages and Decimals.

**Home Learning:** We would like to say thank you for your time and efforts given to the Home Learning. The children have produced some amazing work and are very proud of what they have created. Next week, a new grid will be stuck in to your child's Home Learning book to complete this half term as well as weekly spellings. We recommend your child spend about 30 minutes on their chosen home learning activities.

**Reading at home:** Reading with your child is vital. Research shows that it's the single most important thing you can do to help your child's education. It's best to read little and often, so try to put aside some time for it every day. Make it a nurturing and bonding time for you and your child. Here are some links to help you find a book that you and your child will enjoy:

<https://blog.oxfordowl.co.uk/five-ways-to-encourage-reluctant-readers/>

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/>

<http://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

**Times Tables:** Times tables are central to your child's progress in maths. Please continue to practise times tables with them so that they can recall them quickly in random order. Use **Times Tables Rockstars** to get onto the leaderboard (if your child is not sure of their login details, please let us know).

**PE Kits:** Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school for PE lessons on: Monday and Wednesday. Full PE kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Girls need to make sure that their hair is tied back and that they are not wearing any jewellery.

We are pleased to welcome **Mrs Nicola Boyle** into the Year 5 team, who will be teaching Poplar 5 on a Monday. If you would like to contact us about any concerns you may have, please arrange an appointment via the school office.

Many thanks,

The Year 5 team: Miss Alice Fletcher, Mr Ben Meyjes, Mrs Nicola Boyle, Mme Vanessa Watson and Mr James Allett.

