

### Important Dates:

Summer Term- 24.4.17 till 25.5.17

PDD 26.5.17

Trip- Portrack Marsh 6.6.17

Enrichment afternoon 15.6.17 @ 1:30

Celebration of work assembly @ 2:30

Basic First Aid for children - date to be confirmed

End of term—21.7.17

# Is the Earth Happy?



### Information for Parents

Reading Expectations/use of reading diary

Being a skilful reader is key to many aspects of learning. Children learn spellings, sentence structures and find out how to construct effective texts by reading. To begin with they learn how to decode words but reading is much more than that.

Even our best readers, including teachers, benefit from regularly reading texts at their level. We ask that you hear your child read at least three times a week and a short comment added to their reading diary with your initials.

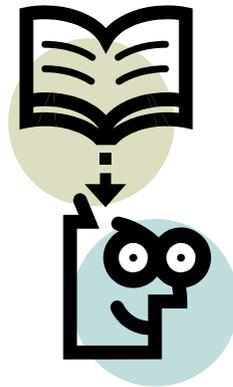
**We look forward to working with you this term and seeing you at our events.**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, we hope that you have all had a relaxing Easter break and hope that you are looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

Your child will be exploring changes in the landscape and natural disasters as well as researching about how we can preserve the environment both locally and around the world. They will experience the wonders that our local environment has to offer with a field trip to Portrack Marsh and how humans and the elements can control their fate.

More about the Year 5 curriculum can be found on the school website at <http://www.nortonacademy.org>

# Curriculum

## Homework

Your child will receive Maths homework every Monday, which is to be returned on Wednesday and then again to be returned on Friday. Also on a Monday English homework will be given out to be returned by Wednesday as well as a weekly project to be completed and returned every Monday.

We will be awarding Dojo points to children as they return their reading diary and a reward will be given to high scoring children. It is an expectation that all homework is completed and handed in on time. Homework will be monitored and a reward will be given to high scoring children. It is an expectation that all homework is completed and handed in on time. It is used to both consolidate, provide practice of techniques and methods as well as provide further challenge.

In **English** children will be exploring Information / Explanation texts about what to do in the case of an emergency as well as researching about global warming. Also they will be reading Newspaper articles about natural disasters and how to compose persuasive letters, presentations, balanced arguments. Children will also be writing non-chronological reports, explanations, poetry and will be looking at authors such as can help the Earth stay happy.

**Maths** will be brought to life with lots of problem solving and our own version of Shanghai maths. In Y5 pupils work with numbers with 5 or more digits and a knowledge of times tables is essential. In **Science** children will be carrying out investigations with different materials as well as exploring solids, liquids and gases.

We will be celebrating the great wonders of our Earth looking in great depth around the question Why should we care for the environment?

During the term, we will be looking at music, transient and kinetic art from all around the world as well as looking at natural disasters, which are out of our control but all contribute to the health of the world we live in.

Also, if you can encourage your child to follow current news events that have an impact on the world as we would love them to share with the class.

**Spanish**-We will be learning the vocabulary associated with the weather and directional language.

**PE** -Our PE topic is ball skills, which will be taught through cricket and rounders. Additionally in PE children will be developing their gymnastics skills.

**Music**-Children will listen to music from around the world and will work collaboratively on composing their own song about the world.

**Computing** - will focus on being safe on the internet and having a safe presence on the internet.

## **PE Kit**

Please can you ensure that your child has their full PE kit in school **every day**, Monday to Friday please. Please ensure that this includes appropriate footwear. Please note, roll on deodorants only please, as excessive use of aerosols can be a problem for asthma sufferers.

Thank you.



This Term we will be focusing on our '**Ruby**' Powers .

Alongside this we will be focusing on how: Children have the right to an education encouraging their respect for the environment. (article 29)