

Year 5/6 Newsletter

Welcome Back to School!

Well summer has certainly flown by and I'm sure a great many of you will be breathing a sigh of relief as the children return to school. The Upper School Team this year comprises of Mrs Osborne and Ms Jones in Oak Class, Mr Harper in Willow Class and Mrs Baker and Mrs McCallion in Sycamore Class. As always these classes will also be supported by our fantastic teaching assistants - Miss Bannister, Miss Leighton, Miss Zoppi and Mrs Fox. We hope that school will feel a little more normal this year with us being able to go on residential and trips again - and the children being able to mix at playtimes. However, we are still being vigilant and are maintaining our enhanced cleaning measures, handwashing and keeping the school well ventilated.

Our topic this term is **Disasters!** We will be exploring the causes and effects of natural disasters this half term, focusing upon the tsunami that hit Japan in 2011. Then we are turning our attention to manmade disasters after the half term break. Upper School will also be swimming this term.

Water

It is really important that the children keep hydrated throughout the day. Please remind your child to bring the bottle home over the weekend to ensure they are clean and ready for the following week.

Homework

At Beeston Rylands we value the importance of family time and seek to keep a balance between home and school life. Children will be sent home with spellings each week. We also expect children to read at home regularly. Children will also have a small grammar task to complete linked to their reading book - however this should take no more than 10-20 minutes each week. Staff will also regularly set tasks on **Mathletics** to support the learning the children have been doing in class.

Staying in Touch

Staff email addresses are as follows:

Maple - Mrs Sammy Baker- sneedham1@rylands.notts.sch.uk or Mrs Karla McCallion

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Please contact us with any queries and concerns you have. Staff will respond in a timely manner during their working hours. Please check the website for updated information as well as emails and texts sent via **Teacher2Parents**. In addition, please keep the school informed of any changes in your contact details.

School Diary

Finally, could you also check that you have read and signed your child's School Diary and ensure they are reading regularly.