

# 5M Classroom News

*Avondale*  
Primary School



## Autumn 1

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed the sunshine!

I am very excited for the year ahead and can't wait to get started with the new 5M. The children have made a fantastic start; they are all full of life and keen to learn – it is going to be an amazing year! I am Mrs Morgan and am 5M's class teacher. I have 2 children: Alfie, who is 19, and Izzy who is 15 and a 2-year old black labrador called Bentley who keeps us very busy and entertained!. I love to spend weekends with my family and love visiting new places. Anyone who knows me will tell you I love watching musicals but equally enjoy watching a good game of rugby league – Wigan are my team! If you ever have any queries or questions or simply want a quick chat, you can always find me on the yard at the end of the day. Please don't hesitate to come and say hello if we haven't met already.

## Dates for your Diary

- 17 September: Flu vaccinations
- 24 September: Rock Kidz
- 2 October Return Cauliflower cards
- 8 October: School Photos
- 14 October Harvest assembly
- 14 October: Opening Evening for 2027 intake 6:30pm
- 15 October: Opening Morning 9:30am and 11:00am
- 22 October: Parents Evening
- 23 October: School closes for half term break (re-opens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November)

## Friendly Reminders

- Please provide your child with a water bottle so that they can have drinks of water during the day,

PE days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please make sure your child comes to school in their kit on these days.

- Please remember to sign your child's reading record when they have read – reminder texts are sent weekly if diaries aren't signed. They can change their book as soon as they have completed it. Children are required to read 5 times per week as part of their homework. We provide daily opportunities for the children to read in class as well so, with this in mind, we are asking that all children bring their reading book in on a daily basis.

- Spellings are set each Friday and the children will be tested the following Friday.

- Spelling Shed homework will also be set each Friday.



# What we are studying

## Maths

In our Maths lessons this half term, we will be working on place value. Within this unit, we will be reading and writing numbers up to one million. In addition to this, we will be adding and subtracting numbers up to 1 million. Finally, we will continue consolidating knowledge on times tables for rapid recall as they form an integral part of the Year 5 Maths curriculum. Any extra help at home with this will be greatly appreciated. TT Rockstars is an amazing resource for children who may not be secure with their tables and all our children have a login for it. Please encourage your child to use it at home.

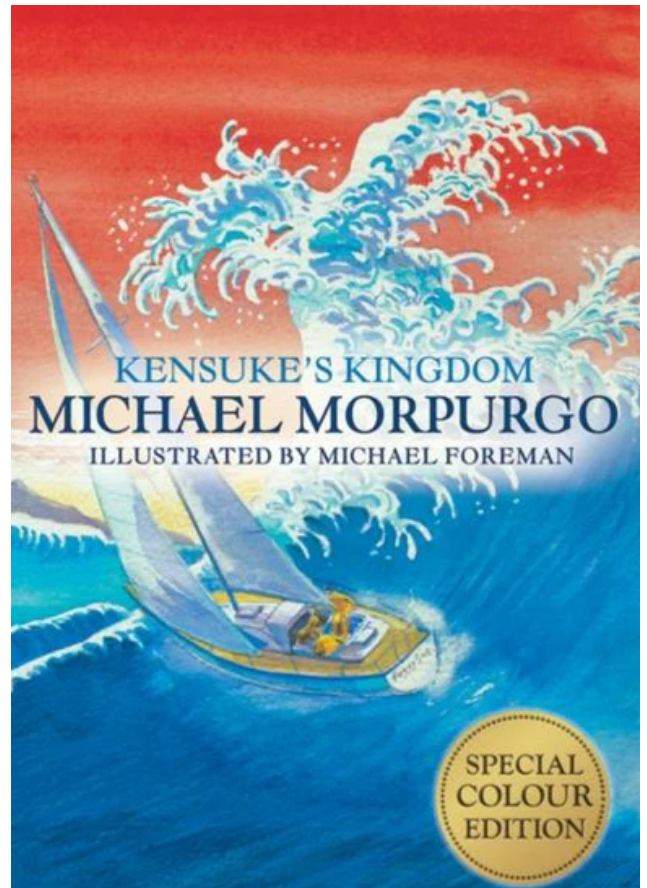
## English

In our English lessons we will be learning about and writing a tragedy story whilst developing our descriptive writing skills. Within this unit of writing, we will revise and consolidate grammar objectives from previous years in addition to some of the new Year 5 objectives.

Our class novel this half term will be 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo. This is an exciting story which closely links to our topic theme.

## Geography

This half term, we are very excited to really get stuck into our topic theme of 'Natural Disasters'. Within this unit, we will research earthquake and volcano case studies whilst understanding what actually causes them.



## Art

Art this half term links directly to our class novel. We are going to look at the work of the Japanese artist, Hokusai and re-create one of his famous paintings, The Great Wave.

**For more details on our plan for the half term, please see our school website.**

**The other adults working within Year 5 are:  
Mr Sharples (class teacher of 5S), Mrs Ansbro (teaching assistant)  
and Mrs Berresford (SSA).  
Mrs Duckett will teach in class on Fridays.**