

# Year 5—Autumn 2 News!

Welcome back after the half-term break. It has been great to see how quickly everyone has settled following the holiday and we have already started work on some new and exciting learning projects.




## The SECRET of our Success

This half term we are continuing to explore the SECRET values that make Redhill such a special place for learning. This half term we are focusing on E for Enthusiastic!
In class we have talked about what it means to be enthusiastic and how enthusiasm for learning can take many different forms.

We have also started to learn about learning— METACOGNITION! What happens in our brains when we learn, how are our brains organised and what does it mean to have a growth mind-set? These and other questions about the brain will be part of our work on developing conscious and effective learning habits.

## Request for Help with Resources!

In Design and Technology and Art this half term we are going to be learning about cams and collage respectively!

To help with these projects could I ask for your help with re- sources. It would be great if we could collect a bank of re- sources to use:

- Empty cereal boxes
- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Comics

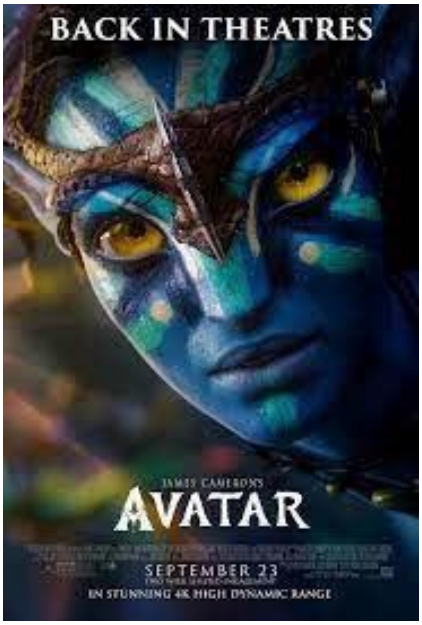
If you can help by sending in any of these over the next few weeks it would be greatly appreciated!

## Reading Targets

Thank you to everyone for your support with reading at home and for your support with helping the Year 5 King- fishers complete their reading homeworks.

We hope that the children enjoy their school reading books and encourage them to change their reading book whenever they are ready.

Please continue to listen to your child read at home. We hope that children read aloud to you at least three times a week. Even the most confident and fluent of readers benefits from reading aloud—it develops their expression, accuracy, fluency and understanding of how punctuation affects the reading of a text.




## English—Avatar

In English this half term we are going to be studying Science Fiction stories. I would like to use the opening sections of the movie **Avatar** to stimulate the chil- dren's imaginations. The story, set on the world of Pandora, focuses on the con- flict between an indigenous people and the human invaders and parallels what happened when the Spanish arrived in MesoAmerica during the period of the Ma- yans and Aztecs which we are studying in History.
The movie usually has an age rating of 12A. However, I will be showing the family-friendly version on Disney Plus that has clean language, thereby re- moving any swearing. There are scenes of mild peril involving the creatures of the world. I intend to show sections from the first hour of the movie.
Information about the movie's rating can be found at https:// www.bbfc.co.uk/release/avatar-film-qxnzzxq6vlgtoty0njkz. If you are happy for me to show the movie in class please message me with positive permission on ClassDojo. I will print these messages as proof of consent. Please get in touch if you would like more information about the movie or to borrow a DVD copy to watch before the project.