

# Year 5 Autumn Newsletter 2023

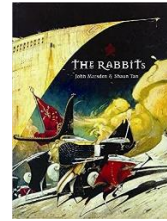
A warm welcome back after the summer holidays, to the autumn term at Edna G. Olds Academy. The children have made a fantastic start to this academic year and are settling in wonderfully.

## English

Our class text this half term is 'The Rabbits' by John Marsden and Shaun Tan. This term, we will use the beautiful illustrations to support our fiction writing. Using our text as a stimulus, we will be learning to construct a variety of sentence structures including adjectival phrases and non-finite clauses, to create engaging narratives for our readers. To support our learning we will use a range of art, drama and multimedia to inspire and capture their creativity. We will be finishing our class novel from year 4, The last Bear.

## Maths

In maths we will be developing and mastering our understanding of place value. These are really important foundations to all the concepts we will be learning this year. All children will have an opportunity to collaborate with peers in order to solve real-life problems, further deepen their understanding and refine key skills.



## Topic

This autumn term our enquiry based curriculum will focus on Slavery. In topic we will be learning about the Vikings and using our historical skills to investigate questions such as 'Who were the Vikings?' and 'Did the Vikings capture slaves?' identifying the role of slavery in their society. In science, we will be building on our prior knowledge of animals including humans. We will investigate life cycles, gestation periods and the development of a number of living things.

## PE

Year 5 will have PE on Wednesdays when we will be practising our Tennis skills. Children must all arrive at school wearing their PE kits on these days. Swimming will not take place until the spring term. More details will follow.

