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Dear Parents/Carers of Marine Academy Primary **Year 5** pupils,

Each term, we will send you a letter to let you know what your child will be learning about in each subject. This term, Year 5 will be learning about '**Informal Settlements**' in their **Geography** lessons and will find answers to the below questions throughout the topic:

1. What is an informal settlement?
2. Why do informal settlements develop?
3. What is life like in informal settlement?
4. What challenges do people face living in informal settlements?
5. How can life in informal settlements be improved?
6. How can crime be tackled in informal settlements?



While the number of people living in the five biggest informal settlements in the world amounts to 5.7 million, this is just a drop in the ocean. Today, it is estimated that about 900 million people live in informal settlements globally. Most experts agree that if you include different types of informal



settlements, the number goes up to 1.6 billion – which represents 1/4 of the world's urban population. By 2030, it's estimated that 1 in 4 people on the planet will live in an informal settlement. A knowledge

organiser sharing all of the information – including key facts, statistics, maps and vocabulary – which the children will learn about is attached. Please feel free to use this with your children to develop their knowledge and understanding at home.

In **English**, the children's writing will be based on the books 'Straw into Gold: Fairy Tales re-spun' by Hilary McKay and 'My Secret War Diary' by Flossie Albright. Whilst in their **Whole Class Reading**



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sessions, they will be studying 'Children of the Benin Kingdom' by Dinah Orji. In **Maths**, children will learn about Multiplication and Division, including formal written methods and the properties of square and prime numbers.

In **Science**, the children will learn about Physical and Chemical Changes. They will learn about states of change and what physical and chemical changes are and how they compare. In **RE**, the children will explore the question 'Creation and science: conflicting or complementary?' and in **SMSC** (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural education) the children will learn about 'Valuing Difference'. In



Design Technology lessons, the children will be completing an electrical systems unit, where they will be creating a game. In **Music**, the children will be learning to sing songs in an ensemble and create their own sounds and symbols to make and record music, and in **PE**, they will be learning dance and gymnastics and creating sequences to perform. Their PE lessons will take place on Wednesdays.

If you ever have any questions about your child's learning, please do not hesitate to speak to their class teacher or email year5@marineacademy.org.uk. We can't wait for another term filled with lots of magnificent learning!

Yours sincerely,

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Knowledge Organiser - Informal Settlements -Year 5

Vocabulary	Definition
Informal Settlement	A densely populated and usually illegal settlement that is inhabited (lived in) by the poor
Settlement	A place where people establish (set up) a community
Densely populated	Many people living in a crowded area
Inhabitant	A person who lives in an area.
Urbanisation	The process whereby an increasing proportion of people live in towns and cities
Rural	Countryside
Migration	The movement of people (or animals) from one place to another.
Push factors	Negative factors that encourage people to leave a particular place.
Pull factors	Positive factors that attract people to a place.
Services	A system provided for people, such as transport, education, internet or electricity.
Inequality	Difference or inconsistency
Quality of life	The overall wellbeing of an individual, community or country. It is made up of factors, including, wealth, health, rights and education.
Standard of living	The level of wealth and material goods that an individual, community or country has access to.



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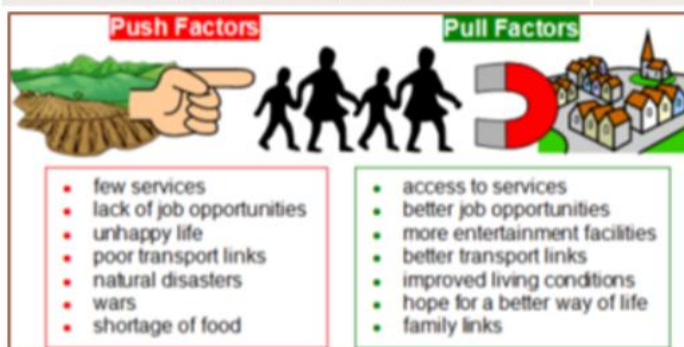
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The World's Five Largest Informal Settlements

An estimated 900 million to 1.6 billion people live in Informal Settlements globally.

Orangi Town (Karachi, Pakistan)	2.4 million
Neza (Mexico City, Mexico)	1.2 million
Dharavi (Mumbai, India)	1 million
Kibera (Nairobi, Kenya)	700 thousand
Khayelitsha (Cape Town, South Africa)	400 thousand



Synonyms for Informal Settlements

- Shanty Town
- Favela

