

Year 5 Autumn 2 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents,

We have had an enjoyable and productive first half term and look forward to more of the same in the run up to Christmas. Here is an outline of what we will cover this half term.

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| Topic | Our geography-based topic is rainforests and we will consider why rainforests should be important to all of Earth's inhabitants. |
| Science | Living things and their habitats: linking with our topic, children will sort rainforest-dwelling animals by their characteristics, look at habitats and food chains and explore adaptation. |
| Maths | We will explore properties of different 2D shapes and plot graphs; estimate, convert and record different units of measurement and read time using the 24-hour clock; solve problems by interpreting and drawing line graphs; compare and calculate equivalent, improper and mixed number and non-unit fractions; explore roman numerals and rules when using them; practise using written methods to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems and puzzles. |
| English | In English, we will be studying film narrative, in which the children will create presentations including images and written text. Children will also be learning about the features of persuasive writing and how to write an effective persuasive text. This will allow them to develop their opinions through debate and will provide a number of speaking and listening opportunities. We will continue to focus on comprehension in guided reading and spelling and grammar will feature throughout the week. |
| P.E. and Games | In PE, we will explore our topic theme through dance. Games will focus on netball skills. |
| R.E. | What can we learn from Wisdom? (2 lessons) How do Art and Music convey Christmas? (4 lessons) |
| Computing | 'We Are Bloggers' – We will be looking at a selection of blogs before using a piece of software to create our own blogs. E-safety will continue to be a focus during this half term. |
| Art/D.T. | This will link with our topic. We will continue to use the theme of Brazil and carnival to research, design and make head-dresses. We will then evaluate the products made. |
| Music | This term, our theme is Classroom Jazz. The learning will focus around two tunes: <i>Three Note Bossa</i> and <i>The Five Note Swing</i> . The children will listen, appraise, play instruments, improvise and perform. |
| French | We will learn the name of school subjects, talk about likes and dislikes at school, ask and say the time and talk about timings of the school day. |
| P.S.H.C.E. | Anti-bullying – children will discuss and learn about types of bullying, prejudice, how peer pressure affects a situation and simple strategies to intervene in a bullying situation/demonstrate a number of assertive techniques. |
| Trips | Monday 5 th November – Rainforest Live (school visit) Thursday 22 nd November and Friday 23 rd November – Shakespeare Workshop (School Visit) |

Maths homework will be given out on Mondays, to be completed for Friday.

Spelling lists will be issued on Wednesdays, to be learned for the following Wednesday in advance of a test.

Finally, Topic/English homework will be given out on Friday to be handed in on Monday after the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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