

Year 5 Spring Newsletter

January 2020 - April 2020



Class teacher:

Senior Teaching Assistant:

<p>Reading Guided reading book – various texts – Fiction, Non-fiction, poetry</p> <p>Class book: 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Morpurgo.</p> <p>Please ensure you read at least three times a week with your child as this will enhance and encourage a love of reading.</p>	<p>Writing We will continue to work on a range of writing genres this half term including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Setting descriptions - Character descriptions - Story writing - Non-chronological reports - Poetry <p>We will link our writing to our current topic 'The rainforest' and our previous topic 'The Vikings' as a way to enhance their learning and allow them to apply their new knowledge.</p> <p>We will be learning and applying spellings each day in class and they will be tested on Friday each week. Please ensure your child practises their spellings each week at home.</p>	<p>Maths Areas of maths covered this term:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Multiplication and division - Fractions - Decimals - Percentages <p>Don't forget to keep on sending in your 'maths selfies'!</p> <p>Times tables Year 4 need to be fluent with times tables up to 12 x 12. They will be set homework on 'TimesTables Rockstars' every weekend to complete ten tests.</p>	<p>PE This term, Year 5 are Swimming. Please can children bring swimming kits every Friday - they will be provided transport every Friday afternoon and need to remember to tie long hair in a secure ponytail or plait.</p>
<p>Science Our topic this term is 'Living Things and Human Development.' Children will learn:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How to compare the differences and similarities of animal and plant life cycles. - How to compare gestation periods of different animals. - To describe the stages of human development - To explain how babies grow and develop. - To explain and describe the main changes that occur during puberty. 	<p>Geography Our topic is 'The Rainforest'. They will learn to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locate Brazil - Explore the physical geography of Brazil - Identify the physical features of the rainforest. - Understand the importance of the Amazon Rainforest. - Find out about the urbanisation of Brazil. 	<p>Computing Children will learn these topics using the scheme of work from 'Purple Mash'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spreadsheets - Databases 	<p>Art/D&T Rainforest Art - Rainforest animal water colours Rainforest D/T - Sewing craft - Dart Frog</p>
<p>Music Children will be carrying on developing their skills when playing the guitar. They will be working on seasonal music which will be performed at the end of the term.</p>	<p>Homework Every weekend, Year 5 will be set homework on TimesTables Rockstars. They will need to complete ten tests over the weekend. This is a vital piece of homework as it helps the children become fluent with their times tables.</p> <p>Children will also be given homework to support lessons sometimes. For example, to plan a piece of writing. Also, they will be given chapters of their guided reading book to read throughout the week.</p>	<p>If you would like to follow up on our learning at home, you could:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Plan a local visit which links to your child's topic - Visit the local library to research your child's topic and/or encourage a love for reading. - Set challenges on TimesTables Rockstars. There is an option for a parent account. Can you beat your child? 	