

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome back Year 5!

Wow! What a first half term we have had! I hope you have had a lovely, restful half term and you are ready for another 7 weeks of jam-packed learning! This half term, we begin with an amazing trip to the Living Rainforest to kickstart our topic over the next 7 weeks - The Rainforest. In English we are creating work using our text, The Vanishing Rainforest whilst in geography, we are looking at Biomes. If the rainforest doesn't take your fancy, how about 'Making New Substances' in Science or Online Safety in computing. On top of all our new units, we also have the very busy Christmas period so make sure you check the dates below to ensure you don't miss out on anything!

School Timings



Just a quick reminder that our classroom doors will open at **8:35am** and school finishes at **3:15pm**. If you arrive **after 8:50am**, please take your child to the school office first - thank you.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children need to be in school **every day** and **on time**. Face-to-face education is important in helping pupils to fulfil their potential. During school time, pupils should be in class with their teachers and peers and enjoying all the benefits that this brings.

Online Safety

A reminder that children should be supervised when using the internet. There are filters available and child-friendly search engines such as 'Google Kids'. Children are not permitted to use social media such as Facebook, Instagram or TikTok until they are aged 13+.

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/understanding-age-ratings>



Physical Education and Games

P.E. will be on **Wednesday** and **Friday** for this half-term. P.E kits should be brought in on a **Monday** and will be sent home on **Friday** to be washed.

As the weather is becoming colder, tracksuits bottoms and your child's school jumper are suitable for outdoor games. Appropriate footwear is essential. Please make sure children do not wear jewellery to school on these days and that they have a hair band/bobble to tie their hair back, for health and safety purposes.



Home Learning

We have reviewed our homework provision across the Federation. Whilst homework can be an important tool in helping children with their learning, we realise that it needs to be purposeful and engaging. Therefore, we have made revisions to the homework that will be set going forward.

Reading: 3x weekly (minimum) - recorded in reading records (see below for more details).

Spellings: learn 5 spelling words. These will be set by the teacher on Mondays and weekly tests on Fridays to check and address gaps.

Maths: Times Tables Rockstars - 'little and often' throughout the week (roughly 10 minutes per day), aim for an hour over the week.



We thank you for your support with this.

Reading



Regular reading will support your child in all areas of their learning. In Year 5, we want to inspire a love and enjoyment of reading. Their book should encourage them to ask questions, wonder and express opinions as well as expanding their vocabulary and knowledge. Children must be reading at least **three** times a week for **20 minutes**, which needs to be recorded in their reading record alongside an adult comment or signature. Reading records will be collected **every Friday** to check if they are able to move up our reading challenge wall!



As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a meeting after school.

Yours faithfully,



Mr Bostock
Meerkat Class Teacher



Mr Williams
Tiger Class Teacher

Diary Dates

Autumn term

Event	Date
First day back after half-term break	Tuesday 5 th November 2024
Year 5 Living Rainforest trip	Thursday 7 th November 2024
Parent Consultation Evenings	Tuesday 12th & Wednesday 13th November 2024
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 20 th December 2024

Long term

Event	Date
INSET day	Monday 6 th January 2025
First day of Spring term	Tuesday 7 th January 2025
Year 5 Hampton Court Trip	Thursday 13 th February 2025
Spring half-term break	Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February 2025
Spring term Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 3 rd March - Friday 7 th March 2025
Last day of Spring term	Friday 4 th April 2025
First day of Summer term	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Summer half-term break	Monday 26 th - Friday 30 th May 2025
Year 5 Big Camp	TBC

Year 5 timetable - Autumn 2

	8:40 – 8:55	8:55-9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10.45 – 11.00	11.00-12:00	12:00-12:50	12:50-13:15	13:15-14:05	14:05-14.55	14:55–15:10
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Lunch	Spelling	Geography		KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Spellings	Maths		Spanish		Music	Faith Assembly
Wednesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	RE	Indoor PE	Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	Science		KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling test	PSHE	Outdoor PE	Celebration Assembly

Our learning this term

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Topic	Anglo-Saxon Attack!	Rainforest Exploration
English	<u>Key texts:</u> Beowulf - Michael Morpurgo translation Beowulf - Maria Headley translation Poetry Day text	<u>Key texts:</u> The Vanishing Rainforest - Richard Platt The Explorer - Katherine Rundell
Reading Journey	<u>Key texts:</u> Fiction Novel: The Nothing to See Here Hotel Fiction Novel: The Explorer	
Maths	Place Value, Addition & Subtraction	
Science	Fossils	Making new substances
Spanish	La Fecha	¿Tienes una mascota?
History/ Geography	History: King Alfred Geography: Biomes, comparing South America to deciduous forests	
PSHE	Coping with Emotions Photography unit	Responsibility and Pressure
Art	Printing: armour from Sutton Hoo	Rainforest animal sketching
Design and Technology	Moving vehicles - electric-powered pulley system	
Religious Education	Belonging - Islam	Creative
Computing	Micro:bits	Online Safety
Physical Education	Netball Dance	Tennis Dance
Music	A Bao A Qu Fantastical Beasts	Read, write and remember to Twinkle
Trips	Anglo-Saxon workshop	Living Rainforest

Learning Links

Alongside Doodle Learning and Times Table Rock Stars, we have put together a list of website links that include activities/games which will allow your child to explore their learning further.

Maths

<https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-5>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39/year/zncsscw>

<https://www.sheppardsoftware.com/math.htm>

<https://www.mathplayground.com/games.html>

<https://www.transum.org/>

<https://gridclub.com/#maths>

Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

<https://uk.ixl.com/english/year-6>

<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zv48q6f/year/zncsscw>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zt62mnb>

https://www.spellzone.com/word_lists/folder-63

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/languages/words/naming-nouns/>

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/learning-activities/languages/words/adjective-detective/>

<https://gridclub.com/#english>

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/grammar-vocabulary/grammar-practice>

Reading

Use the website below to find aged related and genre categorised books which could be great for your child

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/browse-by-age>