

Year 5 Summer Information Letter

Dear parents

We're excited to be back for the start of the Summer Term in Year 5. This is a very busy but exciting term, where the children will experience lots of new learnings and skills.

Curriculum Overview – Topics

This term we will be working with the children on our topics '**Amazon Adventure**' and '**Faster, Higher, Stronger.**' The table below gives you an overview of what the children will cover in each of the foundation subjects in these topics.

Geography Contrasting region - Amazon Basin, rainforest, biomes.	History Ancient Greece (including sport).
Science Life cycle changes in animals and plants; naturalists (e.g. David Attenborough).	Science Reproduction in plants & animals.
Design and Technology 3D Textiles – Sunglasses cases. Rainforest art.	Art and Design Painting and sculpting a vase/bowl, drawing on Ancient Greek art.
RE Exploring the lives of significant women in the Old Testament. Loss, death and Christian Hope.	Music Mr Spencer – Church Choir Motown – Dancing in the Street.
Computing Word Processing. Concept Maps.	PSHE Happy Minds – Relate & Engage Drugs, alcohol and tobacco; healthy habits. Careers; aspirations; role models; the future.

English

English writing and grammar will be our whole class focus during the summer term. We will study a range of different themes to include: myths and legends, stories from other cultures and poems with figurative language. SPAG will continue to play an essential part in the children's writing and the children will have daily sessions of 'Spagtastic' alongside their literacy hour.

Reading

Reading is essential, and as the children are developing their use of grammar and expanding their vocabulary in Year 5, it is important that they continue to read a variety of books to support them in their learning. The children are expected to read with an adult for 15 minutes at least 2 times a week, this needs to be signed and a comment about how they read should be written into their reading diary. The children are also encouraged to read to themselves and leave comments in their reading records, discussing what they have read.



Maths

This term we will study decimals, negative numbers, geometry and measurement. Alongside these topics the children will continue to practice arithmetic and problem solving tasks each week.

It is also essential that the children practice their times tables and it is vital that they can recall their times tables instantly, as so much of their mathematical learning in years 5 and 6 is based upon these. Please allow your children to practice on Purple Mash or using a free website called Mathsframe.



Physical Education and Games

Our PE sessions are a Wednesday and Friday. For both sessions, the children will need their full PE kits including appropriate footwear (trainers or plimsoles). The children will be learning and practicing key skills in athletics, tag rugby and rounders throughout the summer term.



Homework

After reviewing the introduction of the Homework Menu, we have now decided that it is the interest of the children to continue to receive a weekly written piece of work, this will alternate between Maths and English each week. This will be sent out in their homework files on a Tuesday and returned by Friday of the same week.

Your child will continue to receive a task set on Maths and Grammar accessed through Maths.co.uk and SPAG.com. Weekly spellings also go home on a Friday and are tested on the following Friday. Please ensure your child has their spelling book in school on a Friday for their new spellings to be stuck in.

Teaching Assistants

Mrs Hargreaves works 5 mornings supporting Year 5 throughout the week and will also be delivering SPAG and Maths booster sessions to groups of children. Mrs Plum will support Year 5 on Friday morning.

Useful websites:

SPaG.com: <https://www.spag.com/>

Maths.co.uk: <https://www.maths.co.uk/>

PURPLE MASH: <https://www.2simple.com/purple-mash/>

Mathsframe: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/>



If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange a telephone call or meeting with us.

Many thanks for your support

Mrs. L. Dawson