

**Year 5/6 Curriculum
Newsletter
Autumn Term 1**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please have a look over our class curriculum for the coming half term...

English:

This term the children will focus on a variety of SPAG which will feature in their discussion text on deforestation. They will write about animals in the rainforest and study the text 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. They will practice their English skills across the curriculum and create a discussion text in Theme and a non-chronological report in Science.

Maths:

We will be learning about Place Value – the value of large numbers up to 10,000,000, Roman numerals, comparing and order numbers. We will be rounding numbers to 10, 100 and 1000 and within ten million. We will be looking at problem involving negative numbers. We will then go onto studying the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division and how to use them to solve problems.

Science:

This term we will be looking at Living Things and their habitats with a focus on Brazilian rainforest. We will focus on the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird and be able to describe the life processes of reproduction in some plants and animals.

Theme:

Our Theme for this term Brazil: We will learn about the Amazon River and the Amazon Rainforest and how humans and animals use them. We will produce some Brazilian inspired artwork. We will use maps and aerial photos to find out what the locality is like and answer questions about the physical and human features.

PE & Games:

On Fridays will be practicing football skills and learning about Brazilian sports. Children will get the chance to practice ball skills and improve their level of fitness.

RE:

Our big question is Creation and science: conflicting or complementary? It will look at the story of Creation and contemporary scientific accounts, drawing out similarities and differences.

Music:

This term the music unit looks at the way sounds are produced and classified. The children will use their voices to make beatbox sounds, learn to sing four-part songs, and perform a jazzy round.

Computing:

The focus this term is on presenting ideas using ICT. How layout, structure, colour, font and content all work together to communicate ideas.

French:

The children will begin by recapping simple greetings, questions and expressions of likes and dislikes before developing their knowledge further in these areas.

If you have any questions at all, please drop in and ask!

Kind regards,
Mrs Rogers & Mr Gething-Smith

Our PE day is Friday. However, please ensure a named PE kit is in school at all times. Please make sure all uniform is named. Homework will be given out on Fridays to be completed and handed in by Wednesdays. Please hear your child read as regularly as possible and ensure that you record this in their reading record. Please remember to help your child learn their spellings and times tables each week. We will be awarding extra house points for children who read at home on a regular basis.