

ear 5 Curriculum Lette



Summer Term 2

Welcome back! We hope you have had a wonderful half term break and we look forward to keeping you informed about what is happening in class via the Curriculum Letters and Knowledge Organisers each half term.

English

This half term we will be looking at stories from other cultures and debating skills. These will be linked to the Rainforest. We will be focussing on ensuring our non-negotiables feature in EVERY piece of work! These include:

- ✓ Use of a variety of sentence structures
- ✓ Proof read to check for
- ✓ Punctuation .A?!""'s;
- \checkmark Commas to mark clauses and after fronted adverbials
- \checkmark Correct use of speech punctuation
- ✓ Correct use of Standard English verbs
- ✓ Correct tense
- ✓ Paragraphs
- ✓ Correct spellings from our word lists
- ✓ Handwriting neat, joined and legible.

Please continue to ensure your child reads at home. Spellings will be set on a Monday and tested on a Friday.

Maths

Summer 2 sees a focus on Geometry.

Geometry – properties of shapes I - This unit builds on children's work from Year 4 where they identified properties of angles.

Geometry – properties of shapes 2 - This unit is important because it builds on the previous unit of using rulers and protractors to identify angles and properties of shapes, helping children to practise and hone these new key skills. It cements their understanding of parallel and perpendicular lines as well as 2D and 3D shapes, encouraging children to predict results based on prior knowledge before proving them with the apparatus.



Geometry – position and direction - This unit builds on using coordinates in the first quadrant to plot points on a grid – and in previous Year 5 units on properties of shapes. It enables them to use these skills to plot reflections and translations.

Please continue to support your child with their Year 5 maths targets for this half term: Know all multiplication and division facts up to 12×12 and $144 \div 12$.

R.E - Significant Women in the Bible.

In this unit, we will widen the children's knowledge and understanding of the role and significance of women in the Bible – Jochebed, Ruth, Hannah, Naomi, Deborah, Abigail, and Miriam. We will also reflect upon the actions of these women and consider what we can learn from their stories. Our learning will centre around several key questions:



What can I learn from this story? Why is this a significant moment? Why is this woman important? In which values and beliefs are the actions of the women rooted? Did she do the right thing? Where does this story fit into God's big story?



Science

In science we will be exploring changes in humans, describing the changes as humans develop to old age. We are looking forwards to developing our scientific thinking and carrying out investigations linked to growth such as – does shoe size indicate height and does handspan indicate arm length. We will also be exploring how animals are alive; they move, feed, grow, use their senses, reproduce, breathe/respire and excrete.

Geography - Amazon adventures

In this unit we will study the geography of the Amazon Basin which is the region of South America drained by the Amazon River and its tributaries. As most of the region is covered by tropical rainforest (biome), we will learn about this. We will start to learn how the future of tropical rainforests and other ecosystems is closely connected to human lives and



lifestyles and will learn about the wider country of Brazil in which most of the Amazon rainforest is located.

Design Technology



In DT we will be making a bag to 'take' into the Rainforest to protect our possessions. We will begin by evaluating a range of existing bags – their purpose, their design, how the material is joined together and how it is fastened. The children will learn about seam allowance and drawing around a pattern, before practising some basic stitches. They will design their own bag before constructing it through lessons broken down into manageable chunks. Once the bag is finished, the children will evaluate their bag – is it fit for purpose? Thinking about 'What went well' and 'Even better if.'

PE

In PE, we will be developing our hockey skills and our athletic skills – see our knowledge organisers below for more details:



Computing

In computing, we will be completing the 3D modelling unit.

The key components will be:

- To be introduced to 2 design and make
- To explore the effect of moving points when designing
- To understand designing for a purpose.
- To understand printing and making.

PSHE

We will be discussing growing, changing and puberty. This is an important and sensitive matter; a detailed letter will be sent to parents discussing lesson content. Miss Hope our PSHE co-ordinator will also be compiling a short video to explain our school policy which will be published our school website. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please message the Year 5 teachers.

Spanish

Qué Fecha Es Hoy? This half term we are focussing on numbers and dates. In addition to this, we will be learning months of the year. As our lessons progress, we will be conducting a birthday survey! Please help your child at home by revisiting Spanish numbers I-3I and days of the week.

