



Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Year 5 and Welcome Back! We are all looking forward to starting an exciting year of learning and are keen and ready to take your children on their Year 5 journey with us! Initially, as a school, we have put in place a Recovery Curriculum to help the children to ease back into school life gradually. The sessions we have planned will allow the children to build positive relationships with their peers, understand what emotional well-being is and strategies to help them to talk or deal with their feelings in an appropriate way! Our main topic this half-term is 'JOURNEY TO THE AMAZON', underpinned by our Aspirations focus: **Belonging**. This will include Geography, History, Science, English, Art, Computing, Maths and RSHE (Wellness). Please find below the learning that will take place during our first half term together. The children will also be continuing with Specialism Days every other week where they will take part in Religious Education, Spanish, Music and PE.

English

This half term, we are reading 'The Vanishing Rainforest' by Richard Platt, which links to our Geography topic- *Rainforests*, and our Wellness topic- *deforestation*.

Linked to the topic, children will complete a range of writing tasks in two forms:

Writing to Inform

An information text about the Amazon Rainforest

Writing to Entertain

A short narrative about a journey through the Amazon Rainforest

Children will also undertake a range of SPaG and reading activities. Every evening, your child should aim to read for 15 minutes and will receive spelling homework weekly.

Maths

Reasoning with large whole numbers

Understand, compare and solve number and practical problems to 1 000 000.

Integer addition and subtraction

Explore calculation strategies for large number problems, reasoning towards appropriate operations and methods.

Line graphs and timetables

Read and interpret information presented in tables and line graphs and solve comparison, sum and difference questions.

We will also focus on other key areas of Mathematics during our Maths Meetings and Mental Maths sessions.

Children will have the opportunity to use Mangahigh to develop their knowledge of multiplication tables. They are able to access this at home and should do so weekly as part of their homework.

No Limits- 'JOURNEY TO THE AMAZON'.

Geography: During this topic, we will explore and discover more about the people of South America. We will be developing our geographical skills by studying maps and atlases and researching the different human and physical characteristics of the Amazon and South America.

Science: During Science lessons, we will be looking at a variety of animals and plants that live in the Amazon and exploring their habitats. We will also be delving into sustainability and recycling when exploring the topic 'Materials and their Properties'.

Art: We will be exploring tone and perspective when drawing animals and plants.

Wellness

The focus of this half term's Wellness lessons will be relationships:

- Being clear about the difference between confidential and secret
- Giving praise and constructive feedback to others
- Confidently and appropriately challenge when there is a difference of opinion.

P.E.

This half term, we will have a focus on Team Building activities (OAA), Yoga and Gymnastics.

Unfortunately, due to current circumstances, Feltham Air Park Leisure Centre are not accommodating Swimming lessons. More details will be sent out at a later date.

Homework

Enrichment Project Homework: Each half term, the children will be set an *optional* Enrichment Project which is related to our main topic. This half term the project will be based on the wonderful world of The Rainforest! Please check your weekly email for updates on this. The children will be rewarded in class for completing the optional homework- and the homework will be used in the learning environments and in lessons as a resource!

Compulsory weekly homework will include:

Reading: Your child should be reading 15 minutes an evening using their Accelerated Reader book from the school library.

Spelling: Spellings sent home are the Year 5/6 statutory spellings and the children will be expected to spell these words correctly in lessons- they will also be tested on these words as part of their SATS.

SPaG, Comprehension and Maths: Children will have weekly SPaG, Maths and comprehension homework to complete on Google classroom.

Contact us...

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email your child's class teacher. Email addresses can be found below...

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