



## Curriculum Overview

Welcome to Year 5! 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! Our No Limits Assignment 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). The children will also be continuing with Specialism Days every other week where they will take part in Life Skills, Spanish, Music and PE.

### English

This half term, we will be reading 'The Vanishing Rainforest' by Richard Platt and 'Journey to the River Sea' By Eva Ibbotson which links to our Geography topic- *Rainforests*, and our Wellness topic- *deforestation*. In line with our No Limits Assignment, 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 Meefings and Mental Maths sessions.

*Children will have the opportunity to use SumDog and Times Tables Rockstar 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 Assignment: 'Journey to the Amazon'.

As part of our **No Limits assignment**, we will explore not only the incredible Rainforest but we will also 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 rainforest animals and plants.

**LIVING RAINFOREST TRIP**-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September!  
Please confirm your child's place on the upcoming trip by paying for this immersive and exciting trip on School payment app.

### 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's PE foci are: **GYMNASTICS, OAA AND YOGA**  
**(5P will also start swimming lessons)**

We will let you know which days children will need to wear PE kits into school each week on the Weekly email.

### Computing

This half term's focus in Computing is all about keeping us safe online.

We will discuss online safety and how we can use the internet in a safe and secure way to protect ourselves

### 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.

**SPaG, Maths and Reading:** Children will receive weekly homework on Google classroom every Friday which needs to be handed in virtually on Wednesday. Children who do not complete the compulsory homework will attend lunchtime homework club to allow them to catch up.

**TTRS and SumDog:** Your child can use these online platforms to practise their skills in Reading, Maths, SPaG and Times Tables.

**Enrichment Homework:** Please see enrichment homework poster for details.

### 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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