

Spring Newsletter Year 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring Term. I hope you have had a lovely Christmas break.

Our new topic this term is the Rainforest. We will be learning all about where the rainforests are located, what it is like there and what is happening to them. We will be discussing deforestation and the reasons behind this. We will be looking at ways in which we can protect the rainforest and our environment. At the end of the term, we will be cooking different recipes using sustainable ingredients.

Alongside our topic, our Science work will be focused on animals and their habitats, with a particular focus on the rainforest and the layers of the rainforest. We will be creating some intricate artwork based on the works of Henri Rousseau.

This term the Year 5's are lucky enough to have Mr Birch from Love Music Trust providing brass lessons. We will all be learning how to play a brass instrument and will be holding a concert on 21st March (more details to follow).

In maths, we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division and looking at different strategies for long multiplication. In order to support the children's work on multiplication and division, it would be hugely beneficial if the children could keep up their work on Times Table Rockstars. We will also be looking at decimals, percentages and fractions and the relationship between the three of them.

Other useful times table games-

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/306/Maths-Fishing-Multiplication>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Flash.aspx?b=maths/division>

<https://www.nationwideeducation.co.uk/www/flash/bso/bso-flash/index.html>

Additional information

Labelled PE kits should be in school every day, please. Our regular PE days will be Monday and Tuesday. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you that during the colder months, pupils can bring in tracksuits for outdoor PE. Furthermore, in light rain, PE sessions may continue outdoors so a light raincoat would be beneficial. Long hair should be tied back and earrings removed or covered. We would be grateful if you could supply your child with micro-pore or similar if they need to cover earrings. We prepare for early morning activities for the class from 8:50 am and would encourage your child to access these by coming in as soon as they can from this time. Registers are taken at 9:00am. We encourage children to bring in labelled water bottles to access during the day (no glass or screw lid bottles please). Water fountains are available for children to refill during their playtimes and lunchtimes should they need to.

Maths homework will usually be set on MyMaths on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Guided reading homework which will be given on the day of reading and will be expected to be returned the following week on that day. Spellings will be given at least a week in advance on the day of the guided reading session.

Spellings - these need practising and learning thoroughly.

Guided reading - one piece each week.

Maths - one piece each week - either on MyMaths, mental maths, revision or a written exercise
Occasionally there may be some theme based homework. This will mainly be research.

Finally, should you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Beale