



Year 5: Autumn 2: Rainforest Adventures

Well done for Autumn 1!

We are so proud of the way your children have approached year 5 over the last half-term. They have demonstrated incredible resilience and fantastic ambition in their learning. Keep up this attitude, year 5, and we know that you will achieve absolutely amazing things.

This next half-term, we will be experiencing the wonders of the rainforest. As well as our trip to the Living Rainforest, we will be exploring biomes by creating our own, and producing artwork inspired by the flora and fauna of South America.

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In maths, we will be moving onto multiplication and division so please ensure that you are supporting your child in their times table knowledge. Ask your child's maths teacher for their TT Rockstars login if you are unsure. This will enable them to access their year 5 learning. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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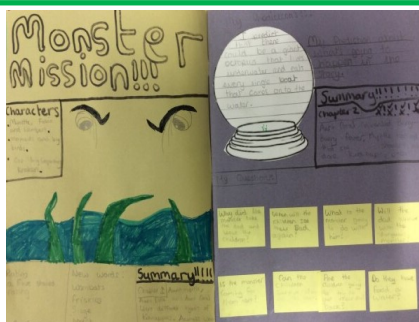
Stimulus: Living Rainforest school trip
Geography: Biomes in South America
English text: The Vanishing Rainforest
Class reader: The Explorer

Computing: Publisher
RE: Belonging
PSHE: Responsibility and pressure
French: Ma Famille
Art: Sketching flora and fauna

Indoor PE: Gymnastics
Outdoor PE: Hockey
Science: Making new substances
DT: Healthy Living

KEY DATES

Wednesday 2nd November: NSPCC workshop
Tuesday 8th November: Living rainforest trip
Tuesday 8th & Thursday 10th November: Parents Evenings
Thursday 8th November: Year 5 Cinema trip—Minions
Friday 11th November: School photos.
Week commencing 14th November: Parliament week
Week commencing 14th November: Anti-bullying week
Week commencing 28th November: Healthy eating week
Wednesday 14th December: Christmas Jumper day and Christmas lunch
Thursday 15th December: Talavera Panto - Cinderella and craft afternoon
Friday 16th December: Last day of term—early finish 1.15 from the church.



HOMEWORK

The children have got off to a good start with their homework. As part of their preparation for year 6, we will now be monitoring this more consistently. If homework is not handed in, then they will go to homework club on a Friday lunchtime to complete. This sets them up to be secondary ready and develop independence and responsibility.

In Year 5, homework consists of a weekly English task (paper sheet) and their orange book that is used to practise arithmetic questions the teacher sets them. We can also set children a weekly my maths as extra but we are going to be focussing on the orange books and improving arithmetic skills.

These will be set on a Friday and due in the following Thursday.

5 'rule breakers' or tricky words will be sent home on a Monday; the children are expected to write these down and take them home. We also ask that you continue to practise times tables recall with your children regularly and continue to use TT Rockstars.

Finally, we ask that you ensure they are reading either a school book or a book from home at least 3 times per week and they complete a double page spread in their scrap book every 2 weeks.

Thank you in advance for your support.





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Living Rainforest

Last half-term, you should have received a letter via Arbor explaining that your child will be going on a school trip to the Living Rainforest in order to explore biomes for their geography unit. In addition, they will be practising their sketching skills from real life.

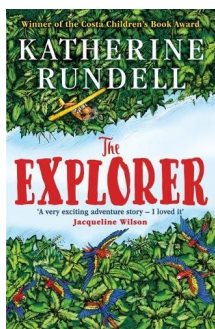
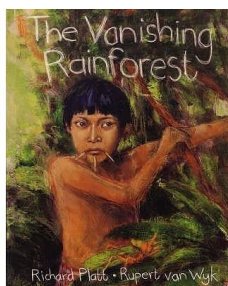
This is a reminder that we are asking for a voluntary contribution of **£16.80 per child** to cover the costs of this event. As the previous letter stated, this has been set up already as a payment on Arbor and can be paid off in instalments throughout the year. As a school, we will not be able to offer these trips in the future if there are not enough voluntary contributions and we are unable to make up the shortfall.

It will be an incredibly exciting opportunity for the children to experience the climate, flora and fauna of a rainforest and we can't wait to go on the look out for their famous two-toed sloth!

Due to changes this half-term, your child's PE slot may have changed. Please take a look below to make sure that you are aware when they will be participating in this lesson. Please remember that PE kit should be in school **every day** to ensure your child can take part in additional activities which may be planned into their timetable. If you have any questions about PE kit, please contact the school office.

<u>Indian Elephant</u>	<u>Hammerhead sharks</u>	<u>Giant Pandas</u>	<u>Mountain Gorilla</u>
Monday Friday	Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday Wednesday	Tuesday Wednesday

Have a sneak peak into some of the exciting texts we'll be reading this half term



Online safety

Please make sure that you are continuing to support your child's online safety by ensuring you are aware of the content that they are consuming online. If you have any questions about how to keep your child safe, please talk to their class teacher. Thank you!

Into Film

On **Thursday 8th November**, we will be going to the Aldershot Cineworld to watch the Minions. This is part of Into Film's annual film festival designed to encourage children to become excited about stories and we are especially excited to go this year. This is a free event! **Please make sure you have given permissions for 'supervised local area walks' on Arbor** so that your child can come with us. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns.

