

Class 5T Newsletter

April 2019

Welcome to the summer term! I hope you have had a good rest and you are looking forward to the work that we will be completing together and there are some exciting topics that we will be learning. The children will be able to cover more learning across the curriculum.



Literacy

During this half term we will be continuing our learning of the rainforest and we will be writing different genres relating to this topic. We will then be looking at how these areas are becoming tourist resorts and using the information to write holiday brochures, using persuasive language. This work is linked to our geography topic on the rainforest. We will continue our rainforest learning and apply this to Disney's Rio and we will be writing letters, exploring characters and explanation texts.

In the second half term, we will be concentrating on reading fantasy fiction. We will write case studies of characters and write our own versions of stories that we have read.

Throughout all our writing we will continue to focus on developing our knowledge and understanding of grammar, spelling and punctuation. We will continue to write in the first and third person, choosing which will be most effective in particular pieces of writing. We will also continue to work on the key words and Year 5 & 6 spelling lists.

Maths



Maths lessons for the next two weeks will be focusing on percentages. The children will be investigating the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages and using this knowledge to solve problems. We will then move on to investigating angles and shapes.

The children should continue with their Mathematics learning, which they can access on the computer at school and at home.

Times Tables Rockstars is still taking place every day at school, so please encourage your children to learn their tables at home.

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Science

For the first half term, our topic will be, living things and their habitats. This will also be linked to our *Geography* work. We will look closely at how living things survive in the rainforests. In the second half term, our topic will be forces. This will involve practical activities, so that the children can predict and discuss the conclusions from their investigations.

R.E.

In RE we will be focusing on the teachings of Jesus, and how his teachings are important to Christians. We will be investigating the work of various charities and how these help members of our community. After that, we will learn about what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today.



Geography

In Geography we are investigating the climate and location of the rainforests. We are linking our work in Literacy and Science to this area of the curriculum. Next, we will then be studying how rivers are formed. We will be investigating the course of the River Goyt.



Other curriculum areas

Art – in Art we will be focusing on headdresses worn in carnivals in Brazil.
Computing – we will be learning skills from Microsoft PowerPoint.
Music – we will be learning the song Dancing in the Street!

Weekly Routines

PE - This takes place every Thursday afternoon and P.E. kits should be in school at all times.

Homework - English and maths homework is given on Friday and should be returned by Wednesday.

Spellings - Spelling homework is given out every Monday and should be learnt for the following week.

Reading - Reading books need to be read on a regular basis. The children have the opportunity to change their reading books three times a week. The children also have the opportunity to choose a library book from the school library each week.

Dates for your diary

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday Monday

Friday 10th May - Superhero Day

Thursday 23rd May - Trip to Chester Zoo

Friday 24th May - INSET Training Day. School closed for children.

Monday 10th June - School reopens