

# Summer 1 Curriculum matters

Our theme this half term in Year 5 '**UK and South America**' which has a Geography focus.

We will also be studying South America and comparing key physical and human characteristics to the UK. We will be locating places studied in relation to the equator, Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn. We will be focusing on how climate and vegetation are connected in an example of a biome. We will also be comparing how life is different in South American cities compared to villages in South America.



## English

This half term, we shall be writing diaries based on our text 'How to be an explorer- An adventurer's guide'. We will also be using our persuasive writing skills to create a holiday brochure about Brazil and will be writing a piece of descriptive writing about a tropical rainforest. Sentence level work will continue to focus on improving sentence structures and using modal verbs. Word level work will focus on definitions of words and synonyms to practise using dictionaries and thesauruses.

## Reading

Children will participate in weekly whole class guided reading sessions.

## Home English targets

- to use look, cover, write, and check to practise spellings
- To continue making sentences as detailed as possible by adding extra clauses

## Maths

The Mathematical areas included in the first half of the Summer Term are:

- Statistics
- Shape
- Position and direction
- Operations with decimals

## Home maths target

Practise calculating percentages when out shopping when the sales are on.

**ONGOING SKILL-** Practise telling the time using analogue and digital clocks, including using the 24 hour clock if still not confident.



### Art

Children will experiment with colour palettes, shades and tones in a range of paint media with a view to creating some rainforest art in a range of different styles.



### Computing

Children will continue to carry out complex searches, to support their independent research. They will learn to cross reference information to check for reliability.

The children will also learn how to create flow charts. This unit introduces children to flowcharts and how they are used to program and control devices.

### Religious Education

Our R.E. topic this term is Christianity. Children will learn about the beliefs of Christians and the effect of these upon their daily lives. We will also learn about the significance of signs and symbols to Christians.



### Physical Education

As usual, this half term, we have sports coaches coming in to teach new skills leading up to small team games including rounders.

### Music

In year 5, the children will participate in a weekly music session with music specialist Ms. Stone.



### Jigsaw

This half term's theme is Relationships. The children will be comparing different types of friendships. They will be learning how to stay safe when using technology, how to negotiate and how to resist peer pressure.

### Homework

**Maths homework will be set every Friday** and is to be returned to school by the following Monday.

English homework, directly connected to the **Spag lesson**, will be set on **Monday**, to be returned the following Friday.

**Spellings will be sent home on Wednesday** with a spelling test each Wednesday. There will also be a weekly times table challenge every Wednesday.

Remember: this half-term we will be visiting Chester Zoo for our Year 5 school trip on 16<sup>th</sup> May - details to follow!

