

Summer 2 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. We will be learning about key features of South America such as the Amazon rainforest and Brazil.



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. Please continue to read at home.

Home English targets

- to continue to practise spellings
- To continue to read at home, using reading to further develop strategies for writing (sentence structures, sequencing of events, vocabulary, punctuation, structures for developing narratives, different genres and styles of writing, strategies to engage the reader).

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

To complete weekly maths homework set.

To use 'TT Rockstars' to become fluent in recalling timetable facts.

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. The focus artist for this half-term will be Romero Britto.

Computing

Children will continue to carry out complex searches, to support their independent research. They will further explore 'Word' and become more familiar with its features to review, edit and improve writing and the design features in creating posters/ PowerPoints (in which are vibrant and engaging to the reader).

Religious Education

In R.E the children will continue to learn about Judaism. The children will further explore the Jewish faith by learning about the ten commandments, shabbat and Jewish weddings.

Physical Education

This half term Mr Cock's will be teaching the children to further develop skills in P.E. The children will participate in a range of team games during P.E sessions.

Music

In year 5, the children will participate in a weekly music session with a focus on exploring instruments, composition, collaboration and rhythm. The children will create music linked to the Amazon rainforest and theme of Brazil.

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.

Science

In Science the children will be learning about life cycles. We will be studying the life cycles of chicks, butterflies and frogs, alongside the human life cycle. The children will experience observing the life cycle of a chick as they arrive in school after the holidays.

Homework

Homework will be set on a Friday, please can it be completed and returned to school for the following Friday. P.E will continue on a Wednesday for 5CH and Thursday for 5KS. Please ensure children arrive in school in appropriate P.E kits on this day, in line with school policy.



