

Year Five Newsletter

Term : Autumn 1

Welcome to Year 5!



Message from your teachers

We are thrilled to start this new academic Year 2023/24 with you all and are really looking forward to a fantastic year ahead. It is an exciting year as we join Upper Key Stage 2 and we know all of our new Year 5 class are going to be fantastic role models for the rest of the school. We cannot wait to see you working hard, asking questions, challenging yourselves and learning every day!

We will be learning this term...

This half term, our topic is 'Where in the world is...the Amazon Rainforest!' In CSI, we will be journeying to Brazil to the Amazon Rainforest to discover, explore and investigate this incredible place. In Art, we will be looking at the work of Gisella Stapleton, an artist who creates portraits celebrating South American culture particularly based around indigenous groups such as Amazonian tribes. We will explore her use of composition, tone and colour palette to create our own atmospheric self-portraits. In Geography, we will be learning about the human and physical characteristics of both South America as a continent and the Amazon Rainforest as a specific location. We will be learning about climate zones and biomes, and will use this learning to compare the Rainforest with Nottingham. We will also investigate the human impact on the Amazon (deforestation). In Science, we be learning about the differences in the life cycles of a variety of different living things (e.g., mammals, amphibians etc). We will think about the plants and fruits in the Rainforest and will design and make our own fruit loaves inspired by the Amazon in DT.

In English, we will be writing an adventure story in which our characters will be exploring the wonderful but dangerous Amazon Rainforest. We will be focusing carefully on how to develop our description through figurative language and ambitious vocabulary. In Maths, we will be learning about place value up to 1 million, including how to read, write and represent these numbers, as well as comparing, ordering, and rounding numbers up to 1 million.

Reminders/Important Dates

- PE is now every **Friday**. Please ensure that children come dressed in Black/White kit on this day and that jewellery have been removed.
- Every day is a reading day! Please bring your diaries in to school every day.
- Homework is given out every Friday, and is due in the following Wednesday.
- Spellings are given out each Friday ready for Friday spellings tests.

Useful pages/Contact us

As part of our homework this year, we will be setting Maths challenges on our new exciting online Maths platform- Sumdog. Every child has been given a log in and password (in their reading diaries).

https://www.sumdog.com/user/sign_in

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