

YEAR 5

SPRING TERM 1 – CURRICULUM INFORMATION

Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome back to the New Year, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas break. Below are details of the key learning your child will be experiencing this half term.



ENGLISH	Our English is based around The Great Kapok Tree. We will be writing a descriptive setting description. We will write using similes, metaphors and using the five senses. We will also innovate the story and rewrite it. To end the term, we are going to write a letter to a very important person about the effects of deforestation and try to persuade them to help make it stop. We will learn about persuasive techniques that writers use and engage in debate to help us with writing their letter.
MATHEMATICS	In maths, we will be learning about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Negative numbers· Short multiplication and short division
SCIENCE	We will learn about types of forces such as gravity, friction, water resistance and air resistance. Children will also learn about the use of mechanisms such as levers, gears and pulleys. They will identify forces and find out about Sir Isaac Newton and his discoveries around gravity.
GEOGRAPHY	We will be learning about South America this half term. The children will begin by revising the location of continents and oceans, labelling the Equator and Tropics. Children will be able to name countries and capitals as well as recognising flags and major cities. We will identify physical and human features and carry out a geographical study of Brazil and its rainforest. The children will build on knowledge of the water cycle, coasts and rivers, mountains, volcanoes, earthquakes, climate zones and biomes and use longitude and latitude to locate places and features.
R.E.	In RE we will be looking at the code for living and the values that people live by. We will look into Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, and Hinduism. We will end the unit by creating our own code for living that will help everyone in the world to live peacefully together.
DT	Our DT unit is Electrical systems and we will investigate an existing motorised product and use problem-solving skills to understand its construction before developing our own.
P.E.	PE day is every Tuesday . Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit and this kit is labelled. This half term is dance where we will perform dances using simple movement patterns. Swimming is also every Tuesday so please ensure your child brings the correct swimming kit with them.
Music	This half term we will be learning about South and West African Music. We are going to sing using the correct pronunciation, with increasing confidence, play a chord with two notes, and maintain our part in a performance with accuracy. We will play the more complicated rhythms in time and with rests and create an eight beat break and play this in the correct place.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	SPELLING TEST – EVERY MONDAY READING BOOKS AND HOMEWORK BOOKS CHANGED EVERY TUESDAY