

**Summer Term – 1<sup>st</sup> half**

<p><b>English</b></p>	<p>This half term the children will be doing debates linked to the rainforest for our theme ‘Amazon Adventure’. They will be looking at the language of debate and work towards performing their own class debate at the end of the unit.</p> <p>We will also be reading ‘Journey to the River Sea’ for our writing unit ‘stories from other cultures’. The children will engage in writing opportunities linked to the book before writing their own story set in the Amazon rainforest.</p> <p>They will continue to have a weekly guided reading session and discrete spelling, grammar and handwriting sessions.</p>
<p><b>Mathematics</b></p>	<p>We will be revising and practising the 6,7,8 and 9 times tables.</p> <p>In our maths lessons we will be focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Rounding whole numbers and decimals up to 1,000,000.</li><li>➤ Finding equivalent fractions and multiplying proper fractions and mixed numbers by whole numbers.</li><li>➤ Converting time between analogue and 12/24 clock, interpreting information in timetables.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Identifying 3D shapes from their 2D representations, reflections and translations of shapes.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Square and cube numbers.</li><li>➤ Written methods of addition and subtraction, including solving word problems.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul> <p>Mrs McLean will also teach maths on a Wednesday afternoon.</p>
<p><b>Science</b></p>	<p>This half term, our science topic will be ‘living things and their habitats’. We will learn about the different types of reproduction in plants, such as pollination and taking cuttings. The life cycles of mammals, metamorphosis and compare this to the life cycles of insects.</p>

<b>Computing</b>	<p>The children will create a PowerPoint Presentation to show their understanding of Life Cycles. They will demonstrate that they can edit text, change text/background colour, insert pictures and hyperlinks.</p> <p>We will be continuing with our E-safety project, which we began last half term. The children will be presenting their work on this project in an assembly on <b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 9am</b>. Policeman Tony and a special guest will attend. Parents and carers are welcome to attend also,</p>
<b>P.E</b>	<p>PE is on a <b>Tuesday</b> and <b>Thursday</b> each week. Please ensure your child has their kit in school. We will be in the hall for PE this half term, therefore please ensure that your child has their pumps. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they do not wear earrings on these days.</p> <p>Our PE topics this half term are tag rugby and rounders.</p>
<b>Art</b>	<p>We will study artists such as Henri Rousseau and Ruth Daniels. We will be using a range of images and real plants to develop our observational drawing skills, with a focus on creating texture. We will then develop these drawings into a painting of a rainforest scene.</p>
<b>Design Technology</b>	<p>The children will design and make a model of an animal with a moving part. They will learn to construct 3D shapes from nets, understand simple mechanisms and make simple components.</p>
<b>Music</b>	<p>The class will continue to learn to play the African (djembe) drums. Lessons are on a Wednesday morning, taught by Mr Fitton.</p>
<b>R.E</b>	<p>Our RE topic is 'Exploring the lives of significant woman in the Old Testament'. We will read the stories of women in the Old Testament, highlight the choices made by these women and consider how their actions reflect their values and commitment.</p>
<b>Mandarin</b>	<p>The children will be taught Mandarin for one hour each Tuesday by a language specialist.</p>
<b>Homework</b>	<p>Please continue to support your child at home with their reading and record the pages they have read or when a book has been completed by signing and commenting in the record. Any</p>

additional materials that they read can also be recorded in their reading record.

Spellings will be sent home each Friday and tested the following Friday. Please help your child to practise their spellings regularly, using a method such as 'Look, Cover, Write, Check', and ensure their book is in school on test day.

Please note that weekly spellings will now be posted on our 'Year 5' page of the school website, in addition to being sent home in the spelling book.

Homework will be given out every week on Friday, and must be completed and returned to school for the following Wednesday.

Mathematics homework each week is set on MyMaths. Children have their own passwords to access this.

Please also support your child by encouraging them to learn and practice their multiplication tables each week.

Please continue to sign your child's homework diary each week and make a comment as this is a useful way of communicating between home and school about your child's learning.