

Year 5 Curriculum Letter

15th September 2017

Welcome to Year 5! Mrs Hartwell, Miss Tate, Mrs Briggs and Miss Bright are looking forward to working with you and your child throughout the year. This learning letter will provide you with some important information for the Autumn term.



Learning



Maths

Throughout this term, we will be focussing on number. At the beginning of the term, our main focus will be place value, moving on to the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division). As a school, our main priority is mastery of skills and we will be planning lots of investigations where children will be able to apply the skills they have learnt. Children will need to continue to practise their times tables as these will be tested weekly.

English

This term we will start by looking at non-fiction information texts and become nature documentary filmmakers, based on David Attenborough. After this, we will work on The Explorer Pleaser, looking at explanation texts before moving onto narrative writing and diary entries based on The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.

Topic & Science

Our Topic this term is The Amazon. The children will be exploring the animals, the plants and the people who inhabit this fascinating area of our world. As part of this topic we are hoping to visit the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. In Science, we will be learning about the circle of life, involving plants and animals and then moving on to Growing Up and Growing Old.



Home Learning



Reminder

Our weekly home learning will be set every Wednesday each week and is due in the following Monday to allow us a day to mark their home learning. Some home learning activities will last for two weeks if we feel that the children need to complete it.



Reading

We are encouraging the children to read a wide range of books and to read for pleasure.

Please can you take the time to listen to your child read as much as possible and remember to note what has been read in planners

It is important that they are fluent and expressive before year 6.

The new Library, called The Hub, is up and running and will soon be open after school for parents to visit with your children.

PE & Games

Please ensure PE kit is in school on a Tuesday (T5), Wednesday (H5) and Thursday. As the weather gets colder the children may bring a tracksuit to wear over their kit. We will be outside as long as it is not raining too hard so a carrier bag can be useful for their trainers.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the year 5 members of staff or arrange an appointment through the office.

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