

**Topic: 'It's a jungle out there!' – Geography**

This **Geography** unit is very exciting as we explore the location of the rainforests of the world and their climate. We shall study the Amazon rainforest in depth and find out why the rainforest is so important. We will look and the animals, plants and people and explore and debate how the rainforest is under threat.

Our **Science** work this term links into the rainforest. We will be studying life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects, birds and plants. We will also study habitats and adaptations.

In **Art** we will be working on our drawing and painting techniques, with a focus on light and shade. We will look at the works of different artists, to inspire our creations.

**Music** will focus on listening skills as well as composing using the xylophones and other percussion instruments.

Close to Christmas, our **RE** will focus on light, in religious contexts.

**Values for the autumn term:**

Kindness & Responsibility

**Maths**

This term we will be working hard to secure our understanding of place value up to the millions! We will be ordering numbers to 1,000,000 and beyond. We will be developing our formal strategies when adding and subtracting. After half term, we will be working on long multiplication and short division formal methods.

**Times Tables**

We will be making times tables links to division, fractions and decimals. Fluency of recall is what it's all about in Year Five, after the hard work of learning it all in Year Four.

**Year 5 - Autumn 2021  
It's a jungle out there!**



Feeling Good Week: W/C. 4<sup>th</sup> October  
Parents' Evenings: 13<sup>th</sup> October 5pm-7:30pm,  
14<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm-6pm  
Residential Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> October 7:15pm via Teams  
Half term: 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October  
INSET day: 1<sup>st</sup> November  
Christmas Lunch: 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Last Day of Term: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm Finish

**English**

**We will be studying story writing and non-fiction.**  
Our focus for fiction is a Portal Story – a journey to a magical world!

For non-fiction writing we will be writing to inform, about the plants and animals of the rainforest, as well as writing to persuade, in relation to the destruction of the rainforest.

We are deepening our knowledge of grammatical terms as well a more in-depth focus on punctuation and how it adds meaning to the text.

**How you can help your child**

Encourage reading by listening to your child read and/or taking an interest in the book.

Help learn and rehearse times tables.

Find a quiet space for them to carry out their homework – allow them to take more individual responsibility for this.

**Other information**

Outdoor PE is on a Monday and Tuesday each week. This first half term we have cricket from 'Surrey Cricket' as well as netball coaching from Cardinals Netball. We also have indoor gymnastics with a specialist coach every Tuesday for the second half of the term.

Spellings are tested every Thursday.

Homework is issued every week – on Monday and is due back by Friday. Never struggle for hours on homework – if your child has found anything difficult, we're happy to help.