

Year 5 Newsletter



Literacy

This term we will be writing explanation texts about the life cycle of flowering plants. Later in the term, we will research and write biographies about naturalist scientists, including: David Attenborough, Steve Urwin and Charles Darwin.

In guided reading, we will be looking at non-fiction texts and developing our skills of answering comprehension questions and inference.

We continue to encourage your child to be reading regularly at home and for you to discuss the content of what they have read to ensure understanding.

Maths

This term we will cover the following topics:

- Identifying and drawing 2D shapes; 3D shapes and nets
- Fractions, ratio and proportion
- Mental multiplication and division
- Written multiplication and division
- Area, perimeter and volume
- Decimals, percentages and fractions
- Line graphs

As a reminder... children must continue to learn their X tables up to 12 X off by heart and in a random order.

Summer 2: Life on Earth

Our topic this half term will be '**Life on Earth**'. This will be a **science** based topic, with an emphasis on life cycles of mammals, birds, insects, amphibians and flowering and non-flowering plants. As part of the Year 5 science curriculum, we will be covering a sex education unit. We will also be learning about nature in our local environment and this will be consolidated during our trip to the South of England Showground for 'Connect to the Countryside'.

Art: We will be looking at the life and works of Georgia O'Keefe, with a particular focus on her flower paintings.

P.E: Outdoor Games will be athletics and tennis. We are lucky to have a specialist tennis coach coming in to teach tennis on a Monday afternoon. Athletics will be on a Thursday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit for the entire week.

Geography: In geography, we will be learning to describe and understand key aspects of physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. They will learn to use the eight points of a compass, four and six-figure grid references, symbols and key (including the use of Ordnance Survey maps). We will also be learning to describe and understand key aspects of human geography, including: land use and distribution of natural resources.

PSHE: In preparation for moving into year 6, we will be learning about changes and relationships.

French : This subject will be taught by Mrs Key-Barry.

RE: We will be learning about the importance of a mosque and exploring building as sacred places.

Key Dates:

June

6 th	Class photographs
10 th	Gardens and Arts
15 th	Yr 5 Charity Event
23 rd	Open Afternoon
29 th	St Peter's Day Church service
30 th	Sports day

July

3 rd	Reserve Sports Day Date
10 th	Report Drop in
13 th	Connect to the Countryside Trip, South of England Showground, Ardingly
21 st	Last day of term