

CLASS 5

SPRING NEWSLETTER



Welcome back to the new term, after what we hope was an exciting and fun filled Christmas break. This Newsletter will provide some useful information about what is happening in our class during this the Spring term.

Our theme is **Rainforest** and **Polar Regions** and we will make exciting and relevant cross-curricular links with all subject areas. We will find out where in the world the rainforests are, their importance, the different layers of the rainforest and what



lives amongst them. We will then contrast this with the Polar environment. Using this research, we will write information texts, stories and poems.

The children will continue to be taught as a whole class or in small groups with activities and tasks differentiated to meet their needs. As always, they will be encouraged to continue to work independently, leading their own research and learning.

In Science, this term we will be investigating plant and animal classification with a particular focus on the plants and animals inhabiting the Polar and Rainforest environments.

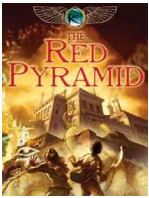


The Hindu festivals of Shivarati and Holi will be studied in Religious Education. Lent and Easter will also be a focus this term.

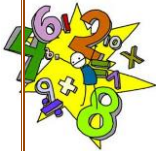
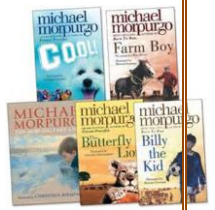
In Art, we will be sketching plants and animals related to our Rainforest and Polar theme.

The Wider Opportunities Music Scheme, with Mr Turton, will be continuing for Year 5, so the children will continue learning how to play the trumpet on a Monday afternoon.





Reading is still extremely important in Years 5 and 6 and you play a vital role in this, so please encourage your child to read a wide variety of texts and questioning their understanding of it. Even the most able readers benefit from reading out loud, so try and make it a regular part of your routine.



Quick recall of times tables are **vital**, so please continue to practise these with your child.

In class, I will once again be supported by Mrs Carrick and Miss Brown. My PPA (Planning, Preparation and Assessment) time is on a Thursday afternoon when the children will have a P.E. session with Mrs. Addison. We are also timetabled to have PE with sports specialist Coach Craig on a Friday morning and Coach Rob on a Wednesday afternoon. All children need a plain white Tshirt, black shorts and trainers for P.E. A plain black tracksuit is also recommended during these colder months.



Also remember to send your child with a water bottle which can be refilled from the water cooler during the school day. Hydration is vital to keep healthy and maintain concentration.

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday. Please assist in helping your child meet these deadlines as it helps stand them in good stead for secondary school. The children worked really hard on their spellings during the Autumn term. These will continue to be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday.



We are looking forward to an exciting, fun and challenging term. Please remember you are always welcome to come in and talk to us if you have any concerns, queries or just want to have a chat.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Shaw and the Class 5 team