

Year 5—Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Must bring to school every day:

- Reading folder
- Reading Record
- School bag
- PE Kit (Bring to school Monday, return Thursday)

Topic

Radiant Rainforests

PSCD Traits

Hope, Healthy Mind, Honesty, Appreciation, Judgement and

Home Learning

- Reading (20 minutes each day and write three entries in the diary each week)
- Times table Rockstars
- Spellings—10 each week
- Weekly spellings will be uploaded onto Spellzone

Important dates

- Kew Gardens trip - TBC (likely week beginning 30.01 or 06.02)
- Music Week— Week beginning 06.02
- Safer Internet Day—07 February

Please continue to use ClassDojo to contact your child's teacher (Sam W or Jon P).

Be on the lookout for any announcements or changes on ClassDojo.

Children need to be in school at 8:30 - 8:45am each morning! This is when we register

Personally, Social, Character Development

We will have a weekly focus for PSCD, we will also be developing our team work skills linking to our new Building Learning Power muscle: capitalising.

The first week's focus has been Healthy Body- a timely reminder for children to eat healthily, drink lots of water and get plenty of sleep and exercise.

History, Geography & Social Understanding

Our main focus this term is the geography and geology or rainforests. We will be looking at plants, humans and animals that live in rainforests as well as the how rainforests are impacted by climate change. We will also be learning about ancient Maya—a civilisation that lived and thrived in the rainforests of Central America.

Our Spanish learning will be linked to climate and weather.

Science and Technological Understanding

Science this term will focus on the life-cycle of plants and also the concepts of oxidation and filtration. We will be making our own water filtration systems. We will also be recapping on our knowledge of the water cycle.

Understanding the Arts

This term we will be focussing on improving and widening our sketching skills including showing texture, shadow and movement.

Ceinwen will be leading music sessions with Year 5 on Wednesday afternoons.



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Computing

Computing: We will be looking at how to stay safe online and strategies to spot fake news. We will use these skills when researching.

Understanding English, Communication & Language

Each day children will be engaging in a literacy skills session. This will be a carousel of activities including grammar, free writing, reading and guided groups with adults.

We will be writing a persuasive text about the use of palm oil and an information text related to climate change.

We will be reading *The Explorer* by Jacqueline Wilson and *Varmints* by Helen Ward and Marc Craste.

Mathematical Understanding

This term we will be focusing on multiplication, division and fractions and

Decimals. We will also be looking at area and perimeter linked to our topic of rainforests and deforestation.

It is essential that all children continue to use TimesTable Rockstars at home to supplement their maths learning at school.

Understanding Physical Health

Our PE sessions will be on Monday and Thursday. Children should bring their PE kits to school on Monday morning, and will bring it home Thursday afternoons to be washed over the weekend. Our sports this term will be Hockey and Rounders.