

Year 5	This half term our topic is: <b>The Rainforest</b>
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English	Maths
All our English work this half term links to our Rainforest topic. Our focus book is 'The Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson and we will explore descriptive narrative writing. The children will use a variety of sentence structures and openers and develop their use of more complex sentences and dialogue. For our non-fiction work, we will be producing non-chronological reports about rainforest animals.	The children will focus on multiplication and division written methods and strategies, and the application of these in problem solving activities. We shall then move on to comparing, ordering and converting fractions and relating this to measurement. Finally, the children will learn about angles. We will also continue to have regular arithmetic sessions.

Science	Computing	Geography	Design Technology
Following on from our 'Changing State' topic we will be learning about 'Reversible and Irreversible Changes'. There will be a focus on planning experiments and developing conclusions as well as learning new vocabulary.	In this unit, the children will design and create a computer game using sequences of instructions with their own artwork and sounds. They will make and test their games and then evaluate and make improvements.	Our theme for this half term will be the Rainforest. We will be studying how plants, animals and people thrive in the Tropics. Later we will explore the key issues around conservation and debating for/against deforestation.	The children will make their own rainforest creature with a moving mouth. They will develop a range of skills including accurate measuring, constructing 3D shapes from nets and understanding and making simple mechanisms.
Physical Education	RE led PSHE	Music	French
In PE, we will be developing our dance skills on the theme of 'Rivers' as well as continuing our Friday swimming lessons.	We will be looking at Sikhism, in particular the Guru Granth Sahib and the religious beliefs and practices of the Sikh community. We will focus on positive relationships in PSHE.	The children will be developing their composition skills with the theme of 'At the Movies'.	The children will continue to practice French numbers and dates and will be learning to describe themselves and others through the learning of vocabulary, songs and games.

Planned Educational Visits	Supporting your child's learning at home
Swimming lessons will continue to take place each Friday morning. Please ensure your child has their swimming kits and an appropriate coat and hat as it gets colder.  A date for your diary: <b>The Year 5 Assembly</b> will be on <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homework: Your child will be expected to write an entry in their reading journal each week. Other homework will be given out on a Friday and expected back in school on the following Wednesday unless otherwise stated.</li> <li>• Please make sure your child brings a full, named water bottle to school every day so that they can have a drink.</li> <li>• Please support the school's Mighty Multiples times tables programme by encouraging your child to learn their tables up to 12 x 12. Those children that know their tables, can still benefit from increasing their speed of recall.</li> <li>• Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit (plain white shirt, black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms &amp; plimsolls – no football kits) in school every week.</li> </ul>

