

Year 5

Autumn Term 2023



Welcome back!

We hope you all had an amazing summer. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all this term as we start our Year 5 journey together. We have lots of exciting things happening this year that we know you're going to love!

As a reminder, healthy snacks such as fruit or cereal bars are allowed in school for break times.

Please, if you have any concerns, don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

Year 5 Team:

Miss Doncaster and Mrs. Donald

Reading Diaries and Books

Your child will regularly read their book in class and we will look at their diaries every Friday.

Please make sure your child brings their book and diary to school every day. Please also try and read with your child every week and sign their organiser to say they have read every day.

If you need any support with reading at home with your child, please don't hesitate to contact us. When you read with your child, please ask them questions about what they have read so they can demonstrate their understanding.

Your child will regularly read their book in class and will record any homework, spellings and reading to an adult in their diaries.

PE Kits

Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE.

PE days are:

Thursday and Friday.

Children will be unable to join in with the sports coach if PE kits are not in school.

On PE days, please make sure earrings are removed and hair is tied up.

Miss Doncaster's class will be swimming first for 10 sessions. Mrs. Donald's class will attend their 10 sessions after Christmas. A separate letter will be sent out with further details about swimming. Miss Doncaster's class will receive their letters in September and Mrs. Donald's class will get a letter in December.

Important Dates

Event	Dates
Yorkshire wildlife park	8 th November
Parents evening	14 th and 15 th November

Homework

Each week the children will be given a piece of maths, spelling and reading homework to complete. This piece of homework is **compulsory**. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is expected to be in school and completed by the following Friday. Children are also expected to read every day at home and complete their times tables daily.

Follow us on social media, where we showcase our wonderful school and learning experiences.



Am I Too Small To Make A Difference?

This term our enquiry question is 'Am I Too Small To Make A Difference?' This is a geography based enquiry, in which we want to broaden our children's horizons and not only heighten their aspirations but instill higher aspirations for the world. We want to develop a sense perspective and understanding of how their own lives impact on the world. Building on their learning of the local context and how they fit in to the wider world community. Throughout the term we will be learning about the similarities and differences of Brazil compared to Britain; about the Amazon Rainforest; the impact of deforestation and how we can make a difference.. To support us with our learning we will be taking part in a Rainforest workshop and also visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park.

Deepening Knowledge Task

Reading

Reading is the gateway to the curriculum. We will be reading the text *The Explorers* by Katherine Rundell and focusing on the skills of reading to understand.

Here is an extract from 'The Explorer' for you to read together at home.

<https://cdn.booktrust.org.uk/globalassets/resources/blogs/2017/september/the-explorer-katherine-rundell-extract.pdf>

Comprehension texts will be sent home each week for your child to complete.

Writing

This term we will be writing our own Rainforest narrative based on *The Explorers*. We will then be writing a non-chronological report about Brazil.

Research the rainforest and create a bank of descriptive words and phrases that you can use in your narrative and non-chronological report.

Here are some links to help you:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/geography/countries/article/brazil>
<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/brazil-facts.html>

Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme in Maths. Follow the link below and you can follow lesson by lesson what your child is learning in school.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-5/>

This is a great resource to support your child and for you to see how we teach maths. Every week, video links to the lessons will be posted on Dojo.

Science

In science, our focus will be **Biology** and we will be learning about **Animals including Humans**. To develop your learning at home, use the following link will provide further learning in this area.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/reproductive-cycles-d195>

RE

We follow the Derbyshire Syllabus. This term, we will be learning about why some people believe God exists.

The following link will help you develop your learning at home.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztkxpv4/articles/zvfnkmm>

PSHE

This term we will be focusing on the question:

What makes up our identity?



How are we all different? What makes you unique?

Computing

We teach Computing through Purple Mash. This term we will be learning about how to stay safe online. The following links maybe helpful

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

PE

In PE we will be learning the skills of basketball and Tag Rugby (outdoors) and gymnastics and dance (indoors)

Here are some tip tips:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xVvVdJcrgZU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cirFE0ooe7g>

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/gymnastic-activity-locomotion-and-rolling-55b1>

We will also be swimming this year. More information about this will be sent in September.

