

# Year 5 Newsletter

## Spring Term

January 2020

Dear Children, Parents and Carers of Year 5,

Firstly, we would like to wish you a Happy New Year! We would also like to say a big thank you for all your lovely Christmas presents and cards. We hope you had a brilliant holiday!

This half term, our exciting new topic is all about the rainforest. In this topic we will be working on our map reading skills while also learning about what rainforests are and the differences between tropical and temperate rainforests. We will also be finding out about the different layers of the rainforest and what types of animals and plants are found in each layer. Whilst studying this topic, we will also learn about some of the environmental and conservation issues facing rainforest habitats. We are looking forward to visiting the Horniman Museum on January 20th.

In Science, we will be starting our topic about life processes and living things looking areas such as classifying animals and plants as well as life cycles.

Our new class book explores environmental issues. The majority of our English lessons will be linked to this. Our new class book is called 'The Great Kapok tree; after half term it will be 'Floodland'. We will be writing persuasive letters and writing our own dilemma stories set in the rainforest. Other writing will take place after half term. Spelling, punctuation, grammar, handwriting and reading comprehension will continue to take place on a regular basis.

Within our other areas of the curriculum, we will be working on HTML as well a stop-frame animation project in Computing; developing skills in football and table tennis and learning about Sikhism in RE. We will, of course, also be continuing to develop and improve our skills in all the areas of Maths, including a focus multiplication and division, fractions, decimals and percentages as well as reasoning and problem solving.

### Reminders:

Reading: We continue to expect that the children will complete at least 10 minutes of reading at home **each day** as it is a very important skill to develop and practise. They will also have books assigned to them in 'Bug Club'. It would be helpful if they could read these at home as well as at school. Children do know their usernames / passwords, but please contact us if they need a written reminder.

Homework: This half-term, children will have specific Maths homework each Friday. This should be returned (named!) on the following Friday. We are also asking children to continue revising their tables. Don't forget to use [www.ttrockstars.com](http://www.ttrockstars.com) and improve those rock speeds!

Spellings: New spellings for this half term have already been sent home, spelling tests will continue to be on a Friday.

P.E: Please ensure your child has their kit in school at all times. This **MUST** include shoes suitable for outdoor PE. (5C PE on Monday / Thursday, 5F on Monday / Tuesday)

Should you have any queries or concerns, please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Chambers and Mrs. Field ☺