

# Year 5/6 Newsletter

## Spring Term 1



### The Year 5/6 Teaching Team

**Class 8**



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### English

Over this half-term, we will be using the book 'What Darwin Saw' as inspiration for our writing. We will be creating our own diary entries as if we are Darwin and keeping records of our findings. Following this, we will be creating narratives about Amazonian tribes living unfound in the depths of the jungle.

We can't wait to see what amazing stories our children create this half term!

### Maths

In Spring, we will be moving on to one of the biggest areas of maths—fractions, decimals and percentages! The pupils will be calculating with fractions, converting from improper fractions to mixed numbers and finding fractions of amounts, including shape!

To have a good understanding of fractions, it is vital that pupils know their times tables inside out!

### Forest School

This term, we will be having a Forest School day every Monday (this is both Week 1 and Week 2). Pupils must attend school wearing suitable outdoor clothing (not school uniform) for the whole day. During the spring term we will be using our fire lighting skills to celebrate 'Brew Monday' by creating a variety of warm beverages. In addition to this, pupils will be tree planting as part of national tree week!

### Topic: South America

This half-term we leave our Ancient Greece topic behind and move on to the very exciting topic of South America! We can't wait to dive in to exploring the Amazon rainforest and study the impact this resource has had on the world. We will also be studying how ancient civilizations of South America lived and what similarities and differences they may have with how we live in Britain today!

### Science/French/Computing/RE

Our new science topic this half-term is 'Evolution and Inheritance'. We will be exploring how living things have changed over time and using Darwin's journey to look at his theory of evolution.

In French, our topic is 'School Life.' As part of this we will talk about the variety of subjects that we learn. We will also look at how we can ask for everyday items around school.

In computing, we will be using InO-Bots to design, write and de-bug programmes.

'What do Christians believe about Jesus' death and resurrection?' will be our key question in RE.

### Homework

All pupils should be reading three times a week at home with an adult.

Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed regularly at home.

There is also optional homework which can be viewed on the website.

### PE

Our two PE topics this half-term will be dance and badminton. We will be developing our racquet skills through a variety of different, fun games! Pupils should attend school wearing their PE kits on the designated days—these are a Week 1 (Thursday) and a Week 2 (Tuesday and Friday). Please visit the school website to see the PE uniform requirements.

### Dates for your Diary

**12.01.24**—Team point winners to Big Swing

**01.02.24**—Y6 SATs Parent Meeting