

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter, Summer Term 2024

Hello everybody and I hope you are looking forward to our Summer Term!

Geography

Our main topic this term will be **'Sow, Grow and Eat'**. In this project, we will learn about the features and characteristics of land use in agricultural regions across the world, including a detailed exploration of significant environmental areas.



English and Maths

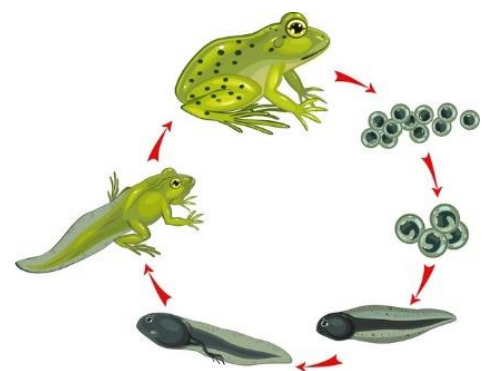


We will continue to follow the Write Stuff writing scheme in English lessons this term. We'll begin by writing **biographies** and, linked to our learning in science, these will be based on the life and work of naturalists and animal behaviourists, David Attenborough and Jane Goodall. Next, we will use the picture book, **'Zoo'** by **Anthony Browne** to inspire our own fantasy story writing. Finally, we will write **balanced arguments** on the

topics of zoos and children's screen use. In maths, we will continue to build our understanding and skills in **geometry** - shape, position and direction; decimals and negative numbers in **number** work; and converting units and volume in **measurement** lessons.

Science and Computing

We will have a biology focus this term in science lessons: **'Living things and their habitats'** and **'Animals including humans'**. In the first, we will learn about the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, an insect and a bird and then describe the life process of reproduction in some plants and animals. In the latter, we will describe the changes as humans develop to old age. We will continue with our data and information unit, **'Flat-file databases'**, in computing. After that, we will look at **vector graphics** before our final **programming** unit, 'Selection in quizzes'.



Art, design, DT and Music



In the first of our two art and design projects, **'Line, Light and Shadows'**, we will learn about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. In the second, **'Nature's Art'**, we will learn about the genre of land art. Our DT project, **'Eat the seasons'**, will extend our learning in geography about the meaning and benefits of seasonal eating, including food preparation and cooking techniques. We will continue our music lessons by singing and playing **pop ballads**, in particular 'Make You Feel My Love'.

Religious Education, PSHE and French

In Religious Education, we'll ask, 'What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?' 'Safety and the Changing Body' will be our focus in PSHE. In our French lessons, we will learn to talk about more of our hobbies before our final unit all about the beach, 'À la plage'.



Physical Education



Mr. Ellis will continue to lead our PE sessions on a Monday morning. This term we will be developing our skills in **athletics** and **striking and fielding**. Please remember that your PE kit should be a white t-shirt and black shorts for inside with darkcoloured joggers and a sports sweatshirt (no hood) for outside. For more information, please see the school brochure on our website.

Homework

As always, be organised so that you can keep on top of your three sets of homework:

1. Reading

Read at least five times a week, keep your reading diary up to date and ask an adult to sign it. Remember to carry your reading book and diary between school and home in your book bag.

2. Spelling

You will have a set of words to learn, which you must practice in your book and get signed, each week. Each Friday, we will have our spelling test.

3. Maths and Literacy

Either maths or literacy homework will be sent home each Friday to be handed in by Wednesday the following week.

Parents, please contact me if you have any questions or need any assistance and I'll do my best to help. I hope you are all excited for the fun and challenges for our final term in Year 5!

Mr. Pottage