

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter, Summer Term 2025

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

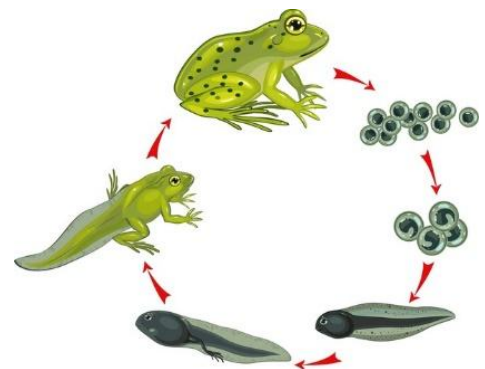


We will continue to follow the Write Stuff writing scheme in English lessons this term. We'll begin by writing **biographies** and, linked to our learning in science, these will be based on the life and work of naturalists and animal behaviourists, David Attenborough and Jane Goodall. Next, we will use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

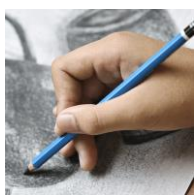
of zoos and children's screen use. In maths, we will continue to build our understanding and skills in **geometry** - shape, position and direction; decimals and negative numbers in **number** work; and converting units and volume in **measurement** lessons.

Science and Computing

We will have a biology focus this term in 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. In computing, our data and information unit will be '**Flat-file databases**'. After that, our final **programming** unit will be '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. In music lessons, we will be rehearsing songs from the 1960s for our end-of-year performance. Finally, we will be playing **old-school hip hop**, in particular 'The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'.



Religious Education, PSHE and French

In Religious Education, we'll ask, '**Who should get to be in charge?**' and '**Why are some places in the world significant to believers?**'. '**Safety and the Changing Body**' will be our focus in PSHE.

Mrs. Collier-Woods will continue to deliver French lessons.



Physical Education



Mr. Ellis will be back to lead our PE sessions on a Monday afternoon. This term he will focus on **athletics**. On Wednesday afternoons, we will be developing our skills in **tennis** 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