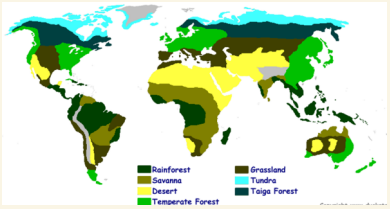
Y5 Newsletter

Autumn Two: 2026



Welcome back to the second half term of Year Five! We hope you have all had a relaxing half term break and that everyone is healthy, happy and ready to learn!

Literacy– Continuing with our learning for Black History Month, we will explore a collection of poetry inspired by Caribbean culture: 'Dancing in the Rain' by John Lyons. We will use Lyons' poetry as inspiration for our own , developing our use of language and imagery. After this we will read and respond to 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell, a book about children who find themselves lost in The Amazon rainforest and we will write our very own adventure stories. Following on from this, we will use the events in the book Tuesday by David Wiesner to help us write a newspaper report.

Maths– In maths we will learn about fractions, including recognising equivalent fractions, converting improper fractions and comparing fractions.

Geography– In geography we will learn about climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. We will then look in detail at the Brazilian rainforests. We will also continue to develop our map skills focusing on the equator and northern and southern hemispheres. Finally, we will be using Digimaps to help consolidate our map skills, by looking at a range of maps of different scales.

Science– This term we will focus on animals, including humans, where we will look at the changes in growth and development of humans over time. We will explore which changes occur over time, distinguishing facts and myths about old age. We will also conduct an enquiry into animal gestation periods and compare these with humans.

Art– During our art sessions the children will develop their skills in drawing with perspective. We will also look at the work of William Morris and create our own inspired print.

RE & RSHE —In RE we will be answering the question 'Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?'. We will identify and explore Jewish beliefs. In RSHE, we will be discussing family life and whether families are ever 'perfect'.

PE– During indoor PE the children will develop skills for dodgeball; in outdoor PE the focus will be on basketball. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing the correct PE kit on the days listed below.

Computing—In computing we will be looking at how communicate using audio effectively and will record our own podcasts!

Reading & Homework:



We ask that all children read at least **3** times each week at home and that their reading diary is signed by an adult and brought into school every **Friday.**

Look out for the homework ideas sheet on email. Our 'Homework and Learning Showcase' will take place on ***Monday 14th December at 2.45pm.***

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend this.

PE Days



Y5 Jaguars

- Wednesday indoor
- Thursday outdoor

Y5 Otters

- Tuesday outdoor