



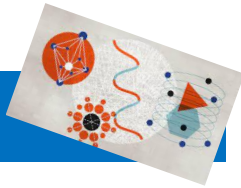
### Welcome Back

We are delighted to welcome Year 5 back to school after our winter holiday. We hope you are all feeling rested and refreshed and we cannot wait to continue learning together. Remember, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact with school.

Thanks, Mrs Franklin and Mrs Dias

### ENGLISH

This term we will be reading non-fiction articles about the rainforest and using the novel 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell about a group of children who become stranded in the rainforest to inspire our writing. We will be developing our descriptive writing of setting using expanded noun phrases, prepositional phrases and looking at how to build tension.



### MATHS



In maths this half term, we will be continuing our work on multiplication and division. We will be consolidating the use of formal written methods for multiplication and division before moving on to looking at multiplying fractions. We will end the term by starting to learn about decimals and percentages.

### SCIENCE

Our science topic this term is materials. We will be learning about the properties of different materials, such as whether they are soluble or insoluble. We will be experimenting to find out the best ways of separating and classifying materials, such as whether or not they conduct electricity.



### PSHE / RE



Our PSHE learning this half term will focus on online safety and why this is important. We will focus on why it is important for everyone to maintain a positive online presence and what to do if people aren't being a good friend online. We will learn strategies for tackling online bullying.

Our RE learning will focus on Buddhism. Following on from our Year 3 learning, we will look in more depth at the teachings of the Buddha and how he encouraged his followers to lead a good, honest life.

### TOPICS



In geography, we will look in more detail at some of the physical features of South America. This will include the Amazon rainforest, looking at the different layers of the rainforest and their importance.

In history, we will be starting to look at the Tudors and, in particular, Henry VIII. We will be learning about changes in governance as a result of his reign and how it still impacts us today.

### CLASS NOTICES



PE: Monday and Tuesday  
Forest School: alternate Wednesdays

Home learning will be sent home every Wednesday. Please send it in the following week by Monday and complete reading records at home.

Please remember to send your child to school with a water bottle and an appropriate coat.

Also, please ensure that all items that you send into school with your child are labelled.