

Autumn Term 2

Year 5 and 6

English

This half term we will begin by immersing ourselves in our new class text **'The Explorer'**. We will then write a **blog** about our days spent in the Amazon jungle, from the perspective of a character from the book.

For our second piece of writing, we will be creating a non-chronological report about the Amazon jungle. To be able to write a **non-chronological report** we have to know the topic really well! We will plan what information we want to include and then do some research to make sure we have the real facts, the present them in the format of a leaflet.



Science

Our focus this half term in Science is Properties of Materials. We will be investigating and comparing the properties of the materials, working like scientists to find things out and record data.

Later we will go on to investigate how they can change materials, and create new ones.



Maths

This half term our main focuses within Math's are Fractions: finding equivalents, simplifying as well as adding and subtracting fractions in mixed number and improper form. We will also be looking at Geometry, specifically Position and Direction.

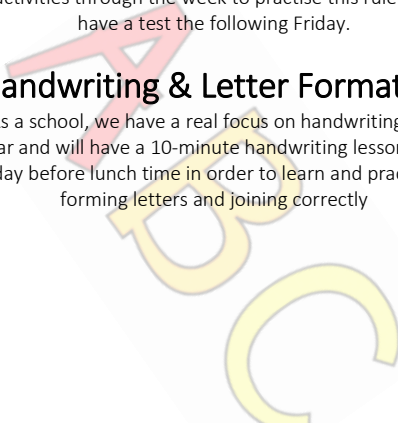


Spelling

Children will have spelling lessons every Friday where they will learn a new spelling rule. They will be given activities through the week to practise this rule and have a test the following Friday.

Handwriting & Letter Formation

As a school, we have a real focus on handwriting this year and will have a 10-minute handwriting lesson each day before lunch time in order to learn and practise forming letters and joining correctly.



PE

'Dance and Fitness'

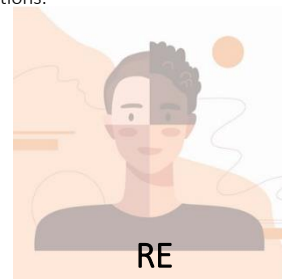
PE is every Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school all week (sometimes P.E lessons can change at short notice). Your child's P.E bag can live safely on their peg.

All items of P.E kit must be named.



RSHE

Our key questions that we will be covering this half term are; **What is prejudice? What is the history of prejudice? What should I do if I encounter prejudice?** During the exploration of these questions, we will take part in drama, debates and discussions and presentations.



'Why do some people believe that God exists?'

During this unit, we will explore how many people believe in God and the reasons behind their beliefs.

Geography

'Where does my food come from?'

DT

Textiles

In this unit we will be investigating a range of functional textile products and how they have been constructed. We will build on prior experiences of sewing and joining materials. We will be designing a product and using our skills to produce a final piece.



Computing

Throughout this unit, children will be learning how to create short videos by working in pairs or groups. As they progress through this unit, they will be exposed to topic-based language and develop the skills of capturing, editing, and manipulating video.



Music

This is our final half term of **ukulele tuition**; each Wednesday morning for 1 hour. We will be holding a performance in school after Christmas to showcase our new skills.

