



Year 5

Spring Term Newsletter

Welcome to the Spring Term in Year 5! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas holiday and we are pleased to see the children coming back to school eager as ever to learn. Last term, the children thoroughly enjoyed learning about WW1 and the impact this had on Hayling. They also found our 'Earth and Space' topic out of this world! We have another exciting term ahead of us with our 'Raging Rivers' and 'The Amazon' topics. We would like to thank you all for your continued support at home, and if you do have any queries please do not hesitate to make an appointment with a member of the Year 5

Who's who in the Year 5 team?

Miss Furlong	Class teacher in 5AF	Mr Darby	Class teacher in 5MD
Miss Lewis	Teaching assistant in 5AF	Mrs Howard	Teaching assistant in 5MD
Miss Vousden	Teacher for small, target maths groups.		

Homework Reminder

Maths homework is set on a Friday and is due in the following Friday. Spelling homework and reading is set on a Monday and due in the following Monday. The children should also bring in their Reading Journals everyday along with their reading book.



What is needed and when?

Monday:

Reading Star Journal
Spellings to be learned for test

Tuesday:

Swimming Kit
(Please remember that earrings must be removed)

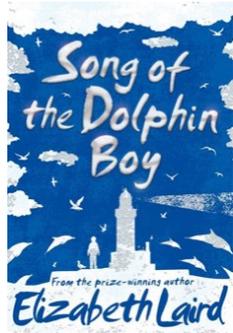
Friday:

Indoor and Outdoor PE kit
Maths homework

Everyday: Reading journal and reading book.

English

Theme: Threats to our natural world.
Key Text: Song of the Dolphin Boy
Outcomes: Persuasive speech



Geography

In Geography this half term, we will be learning about rivers, particularly:

- ⇒ how river features change over time
- ⇒ describing and understanding key aspects of rivers using field work to observe, measure, record and present the physical features.

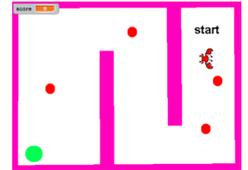
PSHE

This half term in our PSHE sessions, we will be developing their understanding of 'Healthy Me.'

Spring 1 Theme: **Raging Rivers**

Computing

This half term we will be using the coding programme Scratch to create our own exciting crab maze game!



RE

This half term we will be exploring the concepts of Stewardship linked to Christianity and Islam.

DT

This half term we will be creating our own bird hides.



Geography

This term the children will be linking their Geography and English topic. They will be covering the following National Curriculum objectives with a focus on the Amazon:

- ⇒ locate the world's countries, using maps to focus on South America, concentrating on their environmental regions, key physical and human characteristics, countries and major cities
- ⇒ identify the position and significance of latitude, longitude, the Equator, Northern Hemisphere, Southern Hemisphere, the Tropics of Cancer and Capricorn, Arctic and Antarctic Circle, the Prime/Greenwich Meridian and time zones (including day and night)
- ⇒ To understand geographical similarities and differences through the study of human and physical geography of a region within South America.

Science – Living Things



In Science we will learn the meaning of the term 'life cycle' and we will explore the life cycles of many different living things.

Spanish

This term the children will be learning different animals in Spanish.

Music

This term the children will be exploring Samba music and dance.

Spring 2 Theme: **The Amazon**

RE

In Religious Education we will be learning about the concept of rituals in Christianity.

English

Theme: Humanity and the Natural world

Key Texts: Non-fiction texts about the Amazon and The Great Kapok Tree.

Art

The children will be developing their painting skills while exploring the style of Van Gogh. The outcome of this unit will be an Amazon flowers painting in the style of Van Gogh.