

# YEAR 5 SPRING 1

## CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER 2023

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"Happy together in God's family,  
we love, grow and learn."

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and thank you very much for the lovely gifts we received. We would like to say a big thank you for bringing the children to the Christmas Carol Concert in our final week, I'm sure you will agree, they led the concert amazingly and it was a perfect ending to the year. We were extremely proud.

In our English lessons this half term, we will start by reading an exciting adventure story called, 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundall which links brilliantly with our new geography topic, The Amazon Basin. We will use the book within English and whole class reading sessions to write a diary entry and our own 'message in a bottle' letter based on the character's struggle to survive in the rainforest. In addition, we will be creating some non-chronological reports about The Amazon Basin. Each lesson will begin with a short grammar starter, where we will continue consolidating our use of different punctuation marks as well as using subordinating conjunctions to create subordinate clauses and identifying different cohesive devices to link paragraphs. Towards the end of the half-term, we will focus on some poetry and learn to write limericks of our own.

In maths this half term, we will be looking at multiplication, division, and fractions. In multiplication and division, we will be consolidating TOxO up to ThHTOxO and the inverse; extending to ThHTOxTO. In fractions, we will be looking at multiplying fractions by an integer and finding fractions of a given amount. On a Monday, we will continue with our short session each week working on arithmetic skills, mental maths and times tables up to 12 x 12. Please encourage your child to practise on Times Table Rockstars or Hit the Button to improve confidence and quick recall. Please join our Parents Maths Meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 4pm via Zoom to find out more.

To find out more about the other curriculum areas we will be studying this half term, please refer to the [knowledge organisers](#) which can be found on our website.

Please don't hesitate to come and see us if you have any questions or concerns.  
Many thanks,  
Mrs Georghiou & Mrs Ellis



### Important Days

Reading books every day.

#### **Monday:**

Spelling Test

#### **Wednesday:**

PE lesson (come in PE kit)

### Important Dates

#### **January**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-  
Whole school Mass led  
by Y6.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> 4pm -  
Y5 and Year 6 maths  
parent meeting - via  
Zoom.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>- Year 5  
trip.

#### **February**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>  
9:15am Year 5 Class  
Assembly.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> 4pm-  
residential meeting - via  
Zoom.

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> –  
Year 5 Bikeability cycle  
training.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
Finish for half term.

