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Year 5 Newsletter





The **Year 5** team consists of our teachers: Mr Satchwell and Miss Bowen and TAs: Miss Walford and Miss Quirke.

English

This term pupils have been continuing with the theme of the rainforest, and have been researching rainforest animals. From this research children then created a non-chronological report about their chosen animal. For the last two weeks, children have been getting into the Christmas spirit by using the John Lewis 'Excitable Edgar' advert as a stimulus for their writing in which they produced an exciting short story.



Maths

This term children have looked at measurement and geometry. In measurement children have been converting between different units of length, weight and capacity. Children are also solving problems involving money and time, where they were required to convert between the 12 hour clock and the 24 hour clock.

In geometry, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, in particular focusing on their properties.

Identify the regular and irregular quadrilaterals.



Pupils should recognise that a square is the only regular quadrilateral and there are two within this set.

Science

This term pupils have been exploring the topic of 'Living things and their habitats.' Pupils have been exploring different life cycles and have investigated the conditions needed for germination to occur, where they have undertaken experiments to reproduce plants, and test the best germination conditions for cress seeds. Pupils have further developed their knowledge on flowers and know how flowers reproduce in

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Art

As part of our Art curriculum, children have been exploring art galleries, in particular the famous La Louvre in Paris, France. Children have a looked at famous artists including: Claude Monet, Henri Rousseau and Leonardo Da Vinci. As well as this pupils have looked at the use of oil pastels, painting and sketching. The have learnt new techniques on how to use this media effectively. They used these new skills to create a piece of fabulous art work for the year 5 art gallery.



French

In French, our topic has been 'Je suis le musicien' (I am the musician.) During this topic children have listened to a range of music from France and the UK, and expressed their opinions through French linguistic skills.



It is very important that pupils are completing their homework on Purple Mash, as this consolidates the work we do in school. Please remind your child to complete their homework online.

It is very important that your child learns their spellings. Please tell them to practice writing them in sentences with their listed spelling words.

Your child handwriting should look like the example below!

How does your child's handwriting compare?

Charles Darwin was born in 1809.

Reading Books



Pupils are expected to bring in their reading books everyday so that they can be changed on time and pupils can be heard to read.

Please ensure that you are asking your child questions about what they read. E.g. Have you ever been in this situation? Why is the character feeling this way?

TT Rockstars

We are searching for the next TT Rockstars Rock Hero legend in Year 5. Encourage your child to access the TT Rockstars website from home. www.ttrockstars.com





Pupils have also developed their philosophical understanding through 'philosophy for children' enabling pupils to think critically and develop their communication skills.