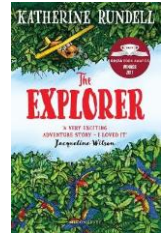


Welcome back!

Year 5 Staff: Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Bradby, Ms Marshall-Bailey with Mrs Farrant, Mrs Davison, Mrs Golliker.

This term, we will be concentrating on a cross curricular project called “Messing around in the Jungle” where we will incorporate elements of English, Art & Design, Science, PE and Geography. We start by looking at the story “The Explorer” by Katherine Rundell.



MATHS

This half term’s **KIRF** is decimal number bonds to 1 and 10. Details can be found on the website. **Maths Week** will be 30th Sept to 4th October. Further information to follow.

P.E.

PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum. Therefore children need to have (named) P.E. kit in school at all times as P.E. days may vary according to the weather, although usually it is on a **Wednesday and Friday for both classes.** We will send kit home for washing every Friday.

Earrings/ verrucae

Earrings must be removed for PE lessons. If they can’t be removed, they will need to be taped by the child and deemed safe by the teacher. Current medical advice is that no special attention is needed for **verrucae**



SCHOOL DIARIES

The school diaries are an important home / school link as your child will use the diary to record spellings, keep a reading record and write in messages, important dates for home. e.g. homework, reminders etc. Parents / carers are also welcome to write messages for the attention of the class teacher. *Please note that we are unable to check diaries every day so it important for your child to draw any notes to the attention of the teacher.*

HOME / SCHOOL

CONTACT: In addition to making use of the school diaries, parents / carers are welcome to pop in to discuss any issues with us. However, we would be grateful if you would avoid early morning

HOMEWORK

At home, children should continue to spend time on the following activities:

- **Times tables** - to help improve your child’s confidence in Maths, it is extremely important that he or she practises so that they have instant recall of key times tables facts.
- **Reading** - we expect the children to read EVERY night. Please continue listening to your child read and check that they have an understanding of the text.
- **Spelling** - the children are provided with regular spelling lists. These are to be found in their school diaries. Testing takes place at random.
- **English / Topic and Mathematics Homework** - this will be given out on a Thursday and should be handed in by the following Tuesday at the latest. Homework tasks are primarily a reflection of work covered in school and children should be able to work independently. Should your child have difficulty, you are warmly encouraged to offer help but kindly note this at the foot of the homework or in the school diary. This will allow us to follow this up at school.
NB - Homework starts on Thursday 19th September and is due in by Tuesday 24th at the latest please.

We have organised a visit to RHS Wisley on Tuesday November 12th 2019. We will be exploring the biomes in the large greenhouses and learning about plant adaptation. It is likely that we will need additional adults on this trip so, if you have the necessary check and would like to accompany us, do let us know.

PENCIL CASES

Children are asked to bring in their own pencil cases containing a **named** pen suitable for handwriting (roller ball or ink pen, **no biro**s), two pencils and a small glue stick. Colouring pens / pencils are available in school, but they may bring their own if they wish. We ask that the pencil cases are not too big as they should be able to put them in their trays. Please leave any valuables / precious items at home e.g. keyrings, pocket toys etc.