



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 5 – Summer Term – Curriculum Letter 2024

Welcome to the Year 5 curriculum letter within which you will find useful information about the forthcoming term. We are looking forward to taking part in some fun and exciting activities that we have traditionally taken part in at this time of the year. We are extremely excited about it!

Reminders:

- Please ensure that **full JYS PE kit** is in school all week from Monday morning. It will then be sent home each Friday to completely clear the cloakroom and to allow the kit to be washed. To ensure that any 'found' items can be returned to their owners promptly, please ensure that your child's P.E. kit and other school clothing is **clearly named**.
- Please ensure that your child is wearing **Black School Shoes** to school, not trainers!
- A short Home Learning activity will be set on a Friday to be returned by the following Wednesday. Thank you for your support with encouraging your child to hand their home learning in on time.
- We are continuing to work on all of the times tables, so the children will be tested on them all, a little each week. Regular practise of these at home is **absolutely essential** for improving and maintaining speed and accuracy of recall – again, thank you for your continued support with this.
- Regular reading aloud continues to be essential in Year 5 – supporting your child by listening to them read and engaging with them on the content of their reading material will help them to make progress. Daily reading material will include your child's school book, but can of course extend to texts such as other reading books, newspapers, recipe books, magazines/comics or joke books.

Last term:

The Spring Term was a good one for Year 5. We learned about Space and The Vikings, Scots and Anglo-Saxons. Paul Ullson visited us to tell us about the Viking way of life and show us some Norse artefacts too. We did lots of experiments in Science on Properties of Materials and even managed to reclaim salt from a salt solution! Every Monday afternoon, we worked on our Moving Toys in DT and some of these are on display around the school. We also had a super trip to South Downs Planetarium to learn about our solar system, which was led by the eminent astronomer, Dr John Mason. Also, not forgetting our epic residential to Goodwood. It was the best!

This term:

This term promises to be another action packed term as we learn about how earthquakes occur this half-term and rainforests in the final half term. We will encourage the children to continue to have on-going input into their learning regarding these themes; they will also choose how to present more of their work, especially with Home Learning projects.

The 'Earthquakes' theme has a Science and Geography focus but also links to the English, Computing, D&T and art that we will be doing. The 'Rainforests' topic has a Geography focus, with some extremely exciting exploration to be done whilst researching our Science topics of Living Things & Their Habitats, and Animals- Including Humans.

Which brings us onto our most exciting piece of news yet...

Ideas for supporting your child's learning:

- Useful websites for homework help include:
<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/space.html> .
- Visiting the local library.
- Useful books to read include non-fiction texts about rainforests and earthquakes.
- Continue to develop your child's mental maths with some quick-fire questions based on times tables (and their related division facts), addition and subtraction of 2 or 3 numbers, including questions with money, negative numbers and decimals.
- Explore measures in the context of home including telling the time (e.g. the 12- and 24-hour clock) cooking, baking and gardening.

Finally, does anyone:

- Have any historical artefacts they would be happy to give or lend the school? We are trying to expand our library of physical resources for the children to handle. We would particularly appreciate items linked to our main themes of earthquakes, Rainforests, Geographical instruments, (compasses, maps, atlases, binoculars, telescopes etc).
- Have time to support us with our DT work (making fresh pizzas)?
- Have time to come in and help us with our allotment, or have any gardening tips or equipment they would like to share with us?



We are looking forward to a super summer term, let's just hope we have good weather too!

Kind regards,

Mrs Cooke & Mrs Corderoy ☺