



**Welcome**

Welcome back at the start of our second spring half term. The time certainly seems to be flying by and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to again this half term. Our main focus will be on the rainforest which will be followed through in our English, geography, computing and art units.

**English**

Our theme for this half term is 'Amazon Adventure'. We will be studying the novel, Journey to the River Sea by Eva Ibbotson and using this as a basis for our fiction writing. We will also be including poetry writing and persuasive writing all about the Amazon.

**Maths**

We will begin this half term looking at fractions. We will be looking at converting fractions and mixed numbers, adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and simplifying fractions. We will then move on to looking at geometry including regular and irregular shapes and nets of shapes, measures (mainly volume) and statistics such as identifying mode, median and range.



**Science**

**What can be reversed?**

We will be looking at properties of materials and how they can be changed e.g. by heating or creating solutions. We will then be investigating which changes can be reversed and which cannot.



**Guided Reading**

The children will have Guided Reading every day. The children will work in groups with an adult, independently on either pre-reading or follow up tasks, on the iPads to practice comprehension and one group will also have the opportunity to read a book of their choice for pleasure.

**Geography**

**How can we look after the rainforest?**

We will be focussing this half term on the study of South America. We will recap on different biomes, looking at the different countries that make up South America, different cities and significant human and physical features.

**Computing**  
**Programming**

We will be using Scratch to create games and quizzes based on our geography topic about the rainforest and South America.



**Art**  
**Drawing**

We will be using our topic of the rainforest as a basis for our art unit. We will be looking at the work of artist, Henri Rousseau, and creating our own drawings in his style.

**PE**

PE will take place on a Monday afternoon with Mr Ridge. This half term will be hockey and rugby.



**French**  
**Clothes**

We will be learning the vocabulary and skills necessary to describe what we are wearing in French

**RE**  
**Christianity**

What do we mean by a miracle? This unit focuses on Jesus and how people perceived the miracles he was said to have performed.



**PSHE**

**My Happy Mind**

We will be moving on to the Relate module where we will learn skills to help us have good relationships with other people and celebrate our differences.

**Music**

This term we will be working with Mr Baines and creating our own band! We will be focussing on music from the 1980's and 1990's. We will be visiting a recording studio and creating our own music video.

## Reminders

**Names** – Please remember to write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles and P.E. jackets. It really helps when things go missing!

**PE** – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Monday afternoons. The children should come to school in their PE kit on Mondays. Earring should **not** be worn for P.E. If they are unable to be removed due to being newly pierced, please make sure the children have some form of tape to cover them for safety reasons.

**Music** – We will be visiting UpBeat on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March to rehearse and record ourselves performing our songs that we have been learning in music lessons this term. We will be travelling by coach to and from Blackpool. We will be creating our own music video and will be inviting parents in to see this - the date of this will be confirmed nearer to the time.

## Reading at Home

Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis. Children have access to change their books when necessary. Reading records will be checked on a Friday to ensure the children are reading at home. Please take the time to sign the reading records when you know your child has read at home, either independently or to you, we are collating the scores on a weekly basis to try and win green orbs for the class. Times they read at school are not included in the total.



## Homework

The next half termly homework menu will be sent home, homework can be completed on paper or in books and handed in or emailed through to myself. There was some fantastic work produced last half-term and I look forward to seeing what is to come this time. The weekly spelling list will all be saved on the website [spellingcity.com](http://spellingcity.com) (unless your child has an individualised set) and paper copies will be given out on a Monday ready for a test the following Monday.

Extra Maths can be practised on Times Table Rock Stars and IXL.

The log in for Spelling City is: [www.spellingcity.com/users/Harrisfive](http://www.spellingcity.com/users/Harrisfive)

There is no password for the children, if the address is typed exactly, it will log straight on to the site.

