



Parkland Primary School Curriculum Newsletter

Year 5

Term: Summer 1

Reading

Our class text this half term is 'Lost in the Amazon' by Tod Olson. We are really excited about accompanying Juliane Koepcke on her adventure through the Amazon Rainforest. At 17, the biologist was the sole survivor of an actual plane crash in the Amazon.

"One girl. Two million square miles of rainforest."

Maths

In Maths, we are currently completing the last parts of our Fraction learning Journey – subtracting and multiplying fractions before learning how to calculate fractions of amounts. Then we move onto decimals as percentages and fractions; adding and subtracting decimals.

In timetables we are working on 7, 8, 9 and 12x tables.

Summer 1 Topic Amazing Amazon



PSHE and Wellbeing

Our PSHE topic this term is about Healthy Relationships. We will be looking at Identity and how we have a sense of self, how stereotyping exists within the media and how that can potentially affect how we view the world. We will also look at recognising emergencies, how compromise can help resolve disputes and how to recognise bad habits and change them.

English

Our English this term will be based on the Amazing Amazon! We will be using resources from Greenpeace to understand how and why palm oil and soya causes deforestation. Year 5 will be writing a letter to the Tesco CEO to advise him how Tesco can play a part in helping our environment.

After that, we will create an Amazon hybrid creature. We will be writing a fact file to inform our audience about our creature. Next, we will be writing a narrative based on our class text. We will be showcasing our description skills.

The key knowledge and skills we will be learning are:

- Describe settings and characters to reveal mood/atmosphere.
- Use semi-colons for separating clauses and in expanded lists.
- Use commas to separate items in a list.
- Use colons to introduce a list.
- Use the passive voice.
- Use cohesive devices (including consistent and correct use of verb tense) to help writing flow coherently.

Wider Curriculum Learning Journeys

Year 5's new Geography, Design Technology and Science led topic this half term is called 'Amazing Amazon.' In Geography, we are understanding maps using grid references and compass directions. In Science we are learning about life cycles and plants. For Design Technology we will be looking at food for sustenance and designing structures.

Headteacher: Mrs Andrews



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Noticeboard

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Key Dates this Term

Monday 25th April – Return to school

Monday 2nd May – Bank holiday (school closed)

Friday 27th May – End of half term

Reminders

Water Bottle

Please ensure your child has a **re-useable** water bottle with them in school to keep them healthy and hydrated.

PE Days

Please remember to send your child into school in suitable, warm PE kit on their PE days below.

5RR – Tuesday and Friday

5CC – Wednesday and Thursday

5AN – Wednesday and Thursday



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