



## Year 5 Newsletter Term 5

### Curriculum

This term we will be learning about rivers, plants and habitats with a focus on 'How does it grow?' and 'How does it flow?' Our whole class reading sessions will be based on non-fiction texts related to our topic. We will focus on answering questions in which the children comment on the author's choice of information, language, layout and illustrations in each book.



In Science, the topic is the 'Circle of Life' in which children look at life cycles of various species - including mammals, amphibians and birds. They also look at and describe the life process of reproduction in plants and animals.

### Did you know?

- Trees can live for a very long time. The oldest tree in the world is a Great Basin bristlecone pine in California, which is thought to be over 5000 years old.
- Butterflies can taste with their feet. This lets them tell whether the leaves they stand on will make good food for caterpillars.
- Ninety-nine percent of all the animal and plant species that have ever lived on this planet have become extinct.

**Can you find any other fun facts about rivers, plants or habitats to share with the class this term?**

### Key dates for your diary

**Week 1/2 - DT sewing in class**

**Week 2/3 - Science focus (plants and animals)**

*Science workshop date TBD*

**29<sup>th</sup> April - Year 4 Road Safety workshop in school**

**6<sup>th</sup> May - Bank holiday**

**21<sup>st</sup> May - Money Minds workshop**

**23<sup>rd</sup> May - Artisan Market PM**

**24<sup>th</sup> May - Last day of term**

### P.E./Games

**SCHOOL PE KITS** should be worn into school on the days that we have PE. Earrings must be removed for all P.E. Please bring water bottles in daily.

P.E. days for Year 5 are:

Indoor PE - Tuesdays OAA

**Outdoor PE - Thursdays Cricket**

### Home Learning

#### Maths

Personalised Maths challenges will be set weekly on **Sumdog**. Please continue to practise your times tables on **Times Table Rock Stars**.

#### Reading

Please read daily and record this in your **Reading Record**. Children receive house points for reading at home with an adult. Well done to those who fill in their record daily 😊 Thank you.

#### Tea Time Talks

Questions will be sent home weekly for you to discuss together. They will be based on the week's learning.

#### Spelling Shed

Weekly assignments online have been set which align with learning we do in school. Paper-based spellings to practice will be sent home weekly. Team points for those who complete them and bring them in 😊