

Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you have all had a wonderful Easter break. It is lovely to have the children back and ready to learn.

We are looking forward to another wonderful term with Year 5. Throughout the Summer Term, we will participate in amazing learning opportunities for the children to enjoy. Our main theme for the term is 'Rainforests'. In geography, we will be learning all about rivers and fair trade. In DT, we will be cooking a chocolate and courgette cake, in addition to making a CAM mechanism for an animal. Our art lessons will involve designing and making wire sculptures. Towards the end of the Summer Term, we are hoping to complete a fieldwork study in Duck Brook. We will also be visiting Diglis Fish Pass. Further information for both visits will be provided at a later date.

PE will continue to be on Mondays and Fridays – please ensure that children bring appropriate PE kit into school for both indoor and outdoor lessons. During our outdoor PE lessons, we are incredibly lucky to have a Tennis coach deliver our session. Maple class will be learning about health and fitness whilst completing circuits during indoor PE. Mulberry will be swimming every Friday afternoon until 8th July.

Year 5 will be continuing their Woodland sessions this term. The sessions will begin on Tuesday 26th April and will continue every other week. Please remember to provide your child with old, warm, waterproof clothes and a suitable pair of footwear (wellies are great!) on these days. As the weather (hopefully!) continues to get warmer, it will still be important to bring in the appropriate clothing in case of rainy days and mud.

Home learning expectations:

Subject	Expectations
Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Five reads per week. Please encourage your child to record any interesting words in their reading journal and discuss them with you. Reading journals will be checked every Friday and raffle tickets awarded to those children who have completed their reading. Please be aware that children are expected to read at home, it is their responsibility to ensure you sign their reading journal. We understand that very occasionally it may not be possible to read five times during a week, therefore should you have any problems, please do send in a signed note or have a quick chat with one of us at the classroom door.
English	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fortnightly English activity. It could be a reading based activity, spellings, writing, grammar, punctuation, etc. It will link to what we are currently focusing on in English during that week.
Maths	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A fortnightly maths activity/challenge. This is also linked to whatever we have been learning about in school.• Please continue to practise times tables and division facts. We have a Thursday timestable challenge each week and both classes will be desperate to win 'Times Table Ted'!• Don't forget to use Times Table Rock star to help you learn your tables. https://trockstars.com/

Curriculum Information:

- Please find our Theme Jigsaw attached to this letter, detailing our topics within each subject.
- In maths, we are focusing on developing the children's 'Key Instant Recall Facts' (KIRFS). You will notice a letter outlining further details from Mrs Wheeler. This half term, we are helping the children rapidly recall decimal number bonds to 1 and 10. We are completing fun games and activities during our maths lessons to help us gain confidence. Please do read the help sheet also provided which highlights how we will be teaching our first KIRF and how you can support your child at home.

Trips and Events!

(More detailed information and reminders for individual events will be sent closer to the time)

- Wednesday 25th May - First Aid Workshop
This workshop will be delivered by providers 'Mini First Aid' to ensure Y5 pupils know basic first aid as part of their curriculum. There is a £5 voluntary contribution – please pay via Parent Pay.
- Wednesday 8th June - West Midlands Safari Park.
This trip costs £20 which is inclusive of park entry, an educational workshop and coach travel. Please pay via Parent Pay.
- Thursday 30th June – Year 5 Bell Boating
We will be spending a full day on the river practising our Bell Boating skills. Due to being transported by a coach, there will be a small fee. We are awaiting a quote from the coach company and will let you know the exact cost soon.
- Wednesday 13th July – Y5/Y6 Bell Boating
A small number of Y5 pupils will be selected to join Y6 to participate in the regatta. Further details to follow closer to the event.
- 7th and 14th July – Diglis Fish Pass Trip
A free trip organised by the Canal and River Trust! We will be walking there and back and classes will attend the trip separately.
- Date TBC – Duck Brook Trip
We will be conducting fieldwork at Duck Brook. This trip will be weather dependent, so the date is subject to change. It is likely to happen towards the end of the Summer Term, but again we will provide further details at a later date. The trip will be free as we be walking there and back.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns please email us.

Many thanks

Miss Allan Miss Anderson Mrs Wiginton

Year 5 teachers