



Year 5/6
Summer 1

Topic: Our Planet Brilliant Biomes

We hope you've had a wonderful Easter break; welcome back to a busy summer term, including **Key Stage 2 SATs Week Monday 13th - Thursday 16th May** when Year 6 will be able to show off their super skills and learning from across KS2 in their SATs tests - we are so proud of them already! We are also looking forward to our **Year 5/6 residential to Peat Rigg Wednesday 24th - Friday 26th April**.

This half term our topic is Our Planet: Brilliant Biomes where we will be learning about the location and features of Earth's different biomes and ecosystems and how these can be protected. In Science, we will be learning about materials and their properties with a focus on reversible and irreversible changes to materials. In RE, we will be learning about how different faiths value forgiveness. We will be improving our chromebook skills and learning how to create media. In PE, we will be working on hitting and catching skills this half term and we will be looking at respecting ourselves and others and relationships in PSHE.

In maths, we will continue securing our written calculation methods - quick recall of times tables and division facts are essential so practising these regularly at home will support your child's learning in Maths. Year 5 will be focusing on factors and multiples, then understanding fractions and calculating using fractions and Year 6 will be consolidating understanding in preparation for Year 6 SATs and revisiting any areas of the curriculum as needed. In English, we will be developing our sentence level skills and writing a range of texts inspired by our topic work and our reading texts. You can support at home by encouraging your child to use Lexia for reading and Spelling Shed to practise spelling rules.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
Miss Patrick and the Year 5/6 team

Uniform reminder:

Please be reminded of the school uniform policy:
Grey/black shorts or trousers and white/red shirt/blouse
Red and white gingham dress or playsuits
Grey knee-length skirt or pinafore
Red cardigan or sweatshirt
Plain black, grey or red tights or socks
Plain black shoes or trainers
No make-up including nail varnish/acrylic nails
No jewellery except a watch and one pair of studs

Reading and Spellings

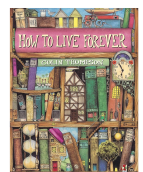
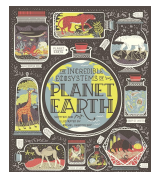
This year, spellings will be sent out on a **Friday**, to be tested in school the following **Friday**. Children will be able to access their spellings on the online platform 'Spelling Shed'. Please get in touch if you need help accessing this.

Reading books will be sent home weekly - please encourage your child to read regularly at home, independently and with adults. Please remind children to take care of their reading records and return these weekly for us to check, update and change books. Thanks for your support in reading regularly at home to develop reading fluency and understanding as well as a love of reading.

Summer 1 Class Texts

We will be exploring the following texts this half term:

The Incredible Ecosystems of Planet Earth
The Earth Atlas
How to Live Forever
Lore of the Land



PE Kits and Forest Schools

This half term we will have PE on **Fridays**. Children should come to school in their PE kits for the full day. Please ensure your child has the school PE kit of plain black shorts/joggers, a plain white top and black sand shoes/trainers. A plain black hoodie can be worn for outdoor PE.

PE will be on Thursday 11th instead of Friday this week only due to our training day on Friday 12th April.

Children will be taking part in a Forest Schools session during this half term on a **Thursday**. Please ensure they have suitable footwear (wellies or walking boots please) and waterproof clothing for outdoor learning in all weathers. This will begin on **Thursday 11th April**