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Year 5 Summer Newsletter

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Summer Term of Year 5. Please find below the main topics that we will be looking at this term along with general information regarding organisation and expectations.

English & Maths

In English, we will be looking at narrative writing and poems linked to the rainforest and Anglo-Saxons. We will also be doing some non-fiction writing linked to living things and their habitats.

In Maths, we will focus on fractions, shape, decimals and percentages and measurement. I would like children to continue to use TTRS to help with their times tables learning as this area is important with many areas of mathematics. It is really important that the children access this at home via their logins as well as the opportunities we are giving them at school. If your child has lost their login, please do let me know.

For the other subjects that we will be covering, please see the table below:

Summer 1	Summer 2
Science – Living things and their habitats (life cycles and reproduction)	Science – Animals including humans (human growth and puberty)
Geography – rainforests, biomes and vegetation belts	History – Anglo Saxons
Computing – Game creator & 3D modelling	Computing – Word processing
Art – Illuminated letters	DT – Mechanical systems
PSHE – Being My Best & First Aid	PSHE – Growing and Changing
RE – Sacred places	RE - Symbol
PE – Cricket	PE – Athletics – track and field



PSHE

We shall be covering the concepts of Growing and Changing, progressing from the content the children were taught last year. More information about this will be sent out separately.

Homework

This continues to be given out on a Friday and is due back in school the following Wednesday ready to be class marked. If your child is unable to complete their homework at home or needs additional support, teachers will be available in classrooms on a Monday lunch time.

Independent/Regular Reading

We continue to expect the children to be reading regularly at home (at least 4 times a week) and recording it in their reading journal. Children are expected to write the title of the book that they have read which links to each genre. We regularly listen to children read in school so it is important that the reading journal is in school each day.

PE Kit

PE will be on a Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning. Children will come to school dressed in their PE kits for these days. This should consist of a plain white t-shirt and blue/black shorts/joggers. No football kits should be worn. As the weather gets warmer, please ensure that your child has a water bottle and sunhat as needed. Earrings need to be removed or taped on PE days. Please ensure your child brings tape to school if they need to tape them.

Geography Project

This term we will be embarking on a rainforest project. To further enhance our learning, we will be making models of the rainforest. If you have any empty shoeboxes, could these please be brought into school by **Friday 16th May** for the children to use.

Thank you for your continued support with your child. If you have any questions or queries, please feel free to speak to myself or email on. year5@pdp.w-berks.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,
Mrs S Hoskins