



## Year 5

### Spring Term 2 2020

#### English

This half-term in English we will be working with Shaun Tan's *The Lost Thing*. This two-week unit will focus on developing children's descriptions of characters and settings.

For the remainder of the half term, we will link our learning with topic lessons to create persuasive speeches and balanced arguments about deforestation and the ways in which rainforests might be preserved.

Reading Masters sessions will also continue to take place daily. Our core texts will be: *Mapping South America*, *The Great Kapok Tree* and *The Explorer*.



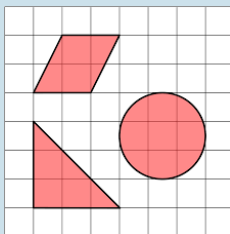
#### Maths

This half-term in maths we will be studying shape, negative numbers and coordinates. This will include work with physical representations of 2D and 3D shapes.

The teaching content will cover the properties of both 2D and 3D shapes, angles, symmetry, parallel and perpendicular lines, coordinates in the first - and then all four - quadrants and the translation and reflection of 2D shapes across axes.

As the weather improves, learning within this subject may take place outside to provide more meaningful context.

In arithmetic sessions we will continue to develop our confidence in the order of operations (Brackets, Indices, Division, Multiplication, Addition and Subtraction)



#### Key Vocabulary:

**RE:** sacrifice, crucifixion, benevolence, resurrection

**Science:** circulatory system, artery, vein, capillary, villi, pulmonary, alveoli, cells

**Geography:** equator, latitude, longitude, climate, indigenous, biome, flora, fauna

**Computing:** render, model, scale, perspective, present, evaluate

#### Topic / Languages

In **Geography** lessons, we will be studying the Amazon rainforest in South America. We will look at its location, climate, biodiversity, tribal significance and threats.



3D modelling is our next area of learning in **Computing**, which we will also develop through the creation of moveable jungle animals in **Design and Technology**.

In **French**, we will be learning the vocabulary related to eating, drinking and mealtimes; as well as how to read simple restaurant menus.

#### Science

Our next area of study will be the circulatory system, and the effects of diet and exercise on maintaining its normal function. We will also study its role in helping us to grow and develop, looking at the transport of water and nutrients around the body.



#### Music

We will continue to have our weekly music lessons delivered by Sistema.

This half-term some Les Ecureuils will take part in digital music lessons and Les Blaireaux will participate in Samba drumming



#### Sports

Kwik Cricket and Cognitive Skills (part of our 'Real PE' programme) are the next teaching areas this half-term. Please note that Kwik Cricket will take place outside.

Weekly swimming sessions at Drayton Junior School - for designated children - will continue to take place on Thursdays.



#### RE / RSE

In RE we will be working with the question '*Did God intend Jesus to be crucified and if so was Jesus aware of this?*' and discussing differing opinions around this.

In RSE we will be exploring safe and unsafe relationships and basic first aid - using the 'Heartstart' initiative.





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### Weekly diary

<b>Monday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Learning Logs due - make sure you have read x4 times &amp; completed x4 maths activities</li> <li>Music lessons</li> <li>PE lessons pm (both classes)</li> </ul>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spelling test + new spellings sent home</li> <li>Individual music lessons</li> </ul>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Danger-Us club (designated children only)</li> </ul>
<b>Thursday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming lessons (designated children only)</li> <li>Home learning due in</li> <li>New home learning set (Purple Mash / CDP books)</li> <li>PE lessons (both classes)</li> <li>School library sessions</li> </ul>
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take PE kit home to be washed</li> </ul>

### Key dates this half-term

Friday 28th February 2020	Reading Curriculum Day
Wednesday 4th March 2020	Read Aloud Day (we welcome support from all those who can!)
Thursday 5th March 2020	World Book Day
Friday 27th March 2020	Growth Mindset and Mental Health Curriculum Day
Tuesday 31st March 2020	'To the point' Parent Café <b>3:30pm - 4:30pm</b>
Friday 3rd - Friday 17th April 2020	EASTER HOLIDAYS

### News

We would like to welcome back all children and their families. We hope that you have all had a wonderful half-term holiday!

We would like to remind all parents to aim to hear their children read as often as possible and sign the relevant page of the Home Learning Log when doing so.

We look forward to continuing to work with you all in what is now your child's *last half* of Year 5!

Mr Emmens (Year Leader, Les Ecureuils)  
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