

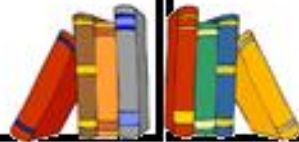


# Curriculum News

**Year 5: Summer 1**

## English

We are starting the term by reading *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell to inspire our newspaper reports about a crash landing in the rainforest. We will then be writing persuasive letters to government officials. The letters will focus on raising awareness of what is happening in rainforests around the world, and we hope to make a change. In SPaG we are focusing on relative clauses, parenthesis and recapping our knowledge of commas. Our reading novel this half term will be a picture book called *The Great Kapok Tree*.



## Maths

Over this next half term, Year 5 will be covering geometry, number, and measurement. This will cover, shapes, position and direction, decimals, negative numbers, and Converting Units. Children have been completing regular formative assessments to check their understanding. Children should continue practising their times tables regularly as well as completing the weekly homework on Google Classroom.

## Curriculum Overview

### Why should the rainforests be important to us all?

Our Rainforest topic is going to take us on a journey around the globe. We will recap our knowledge of the continents, rivers, oceans, and our home country. Using digital maps, we will be locating the equator, tropics of Cancer and the variety of Rainforests across the world. We will be exploring the animal and plant life and begin to investigate why Rainforests are in danger. In Art, we are going to be looking at how artists use their creative freedom to explore ways of working which involve different materials and media. In PSHE, we will focus on relationships and how this can stay safe online. In Computing, we will be looking at algorithms and writing and testing using crumbles, the focus of this unit is selection in physical Computing.





TT Rockstars: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school>

Year 5 children are set battles weekly and a champion is awarded at the end of the week!

Corbettmaths Primary: <https://corbettmathsprimary.com/>

Videos for each maths topic, quizzes and '5-a-day' which is like Masters of Arithmetic.

Oxford Owl: [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk)

The Oxford Owl eBook Library contains a wide selection of books from across Oxford's most popular series

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Once Upon a Picture <https://www.onceuponapicture.co.uk/>

The wonderful world of photographs and illustrations. Once Upon a Picture has a collection of images to inspire children with their writing and each image has reading skills questions for them to practise at home.

Bitesize KS2 <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> Learning at home? Bitesize is the one! Lessons full of videos, quizzes and practice activities to help you with home learning.

## Reminders

**Spellings** - Children will focus on ten words a week, which can be accessed through Spelling Shed.

**Reading** - Year 5 visit the library every week and select a new book. They should be bringing the chosen book home every night to read. Their reading records contain questions that someone at home can ask them after they have read a small section.

**Timetables** - By the end of Year 5 all children should know their timetables up to 12. Each week a new challenge is set on TT Rockstars. Please ensure your child practises for 10 minutes each day.

