



Lancaster Christ Church Church of England Primary School
Curriculum Newsletter
Year 5

Have Faith... In yourself... In others... In God.

Welcome to the Spring 1 edition of the Curriculum News where our theme is 'The Rainforest'. We hope that you will find it useful and informative. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the curriculum this half term.

Important information

- P.E. will take place on Monday and Thursday Please ensure your child is in full P.E kit with long hair tied back and no earrings.
- School trip will take place this term. Information to follow.
- Homework : Children should spend time each evening reading and answer the comprehension questions linked to the text. Children should aim to complete this fortnightly.



Mathematics



Within Maths, children will follow a **mastery approach** to explore: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication, Measures and Geometry.
 Children will also have opportunities to recall multiplication and division facts which should also be practiced at home on a regular basis.

English

Key Text: Journey to the river sea by Eva Ibbotson

Year 5 will follow a phased approach to this text to develop our reading, writing , spelling , punctuation and grammar skills. Using the text, the children will write a diary entry and plan and write their own adventure story. They will explore the use of simple, compound and complex sentences.

R.E.



Why was Jesus a good teacher

Year 5 will be finding out about what makes a good teacher and who has influenced them so far in life. They will be reading some of Jesus's parables and will be understanding that a parable is a story with a much deeper meaning and a hidden message.

Geography

Where in the world is the Amazon Rainforest?

We will be focussing on South America and its position within the world including looking at lines of longitude and latitude, and learning about time zones before moving on to looking at the Amazon Rainforest in more detail.

Science

Living Things and Their Habitats-Life cycles

In Science, children will be learning about how animals and plants reproduce and will find out about the life cycles of plants and animals. They will also be learning about sexual and asexual reproduction and will be finding out that plants can reproduce

P.E.

Children will explore the techniques used in **invasion games** through the sport of hockey. In **dance** children will be taught by Miss Helen and will learn to follow instructions, create their dance sequences and use expression to perform in the school dance showcase. Year 5 will be performing a dance from Mary Poppins.



French

La nourriture

Children will learn to ask politely for items of food and will express opinions about what they do and don't like. They will explain how to make a sandwich using different verbs.

Music

Year 5 will be exploring music from Brazil and focusing on 'Samba Drumming'. They will develop ensemble and instrumental skills by performing samba rhythms accurately.



PSHE

Rights and Respect

Children will explore:- Rights, respect and duties relating to my health, making a difference, and decisions about lending, borrowing and spending.

Art/ DT

How do you paint something that is hidden?

Children will explore and respond to the painting **Tiger in a Tropical Storm by Henri Rousseau**. They will use a range of medium to camouflage animals.

Computing

Databases

Children will learn how to use and store information on a simple database. They will input data relating to everyone on a shared database that can be used by all children in the class.

