



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

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

Welcome to the Spring 2 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 Wednesday and Thursday. Please ensure your child is in full P.E kit with long hair tied back and no earrings.
- 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 fractions, geometry, measurement, statistics and problem solving. 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
We will continue to read Journey to the River Sea and write our own adventure story, postcard and persuasive letter. We will then be looking at a range of non-fiction texts about the Amazon rainforest and using them to inspire writing discussion texts and persuasive texts on issues affecting the Amazon Rainforest such as deforestation.

R.E.

Why do Christians consider Easter to be a time of victory?
Year 5 will be finding out about why Christians consider Easter time a time of victory. They will think of some of their own personal victories and will examine the key events of the Easter story.

Geography

This term in Year 5 our theme continues to be '**Amazing Amazon**' with a focus on the **Amazon Rainforest** in which we will explore 2 main key questions: What is the Amazon Rainforest like? How does the Amazon Rainforest compare to a temperate forest or woodland?

Science

Living Things and Their Habitats-Life cycles
In Science, children will be continuing to find out about life cycles. They will be moving on to find out about the human life cycle and some of the changes our bodies will go through. This will also link to some of the P.S.H.E that the children will be learning.

P.E.

Our PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Children will explore the techniques used in striking and fielding through the sport of rounders and will be taught these skills by MFC. They will also practice their orienteering skills with Mrs.Dewar. They will learn to orientate a map, plan an efficient route and follow a real orienteering map.



French
En Ville

Children will learn to understand and give simple direction instructions and will focus on being able to do this verbally. They will learn about the different parts of town and the vocabulary associated with the town centre.

Music



Year 5 will be developing their skills on the ocarina, exploring finger charts, notation and learning a range of melodies. They will focus on precise breath control, finger dexterity, and articulation.

PSHE

Our SCARF PSHE theme this half term is: **Growing and changing.** We will look at different emotions we may experience as we grow up.

Art/ DT

How do you make an animal move part of its body?
In **Design Technology**, we will be designing and making an animal model with a moving part using a pneumatic mechanism.

Computing
Spreadsheets

Children will learn how to create formulae to model and solve a given problem, including using text variables. They will adapt these spreadsheets to help them with some real-life situations.