

Livingstone Life Year 5

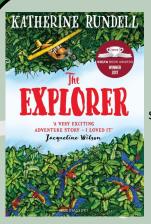
Year 5

Welcome back! It has been fantastic to welcome all of our year 5 children back this week! It has been great to see and hear about their summer holiday adventures.

We have got an exciting term ahead.

As part of Year 5, we will continue to set home learning each week on Google Classrooms.





Our novel for this half term is The Explorer and is about four children who get stranded in the Amazon Rainforest and their fight for survival and hope to get rescued and reunited with their families. Through this

amazing story we will develop our retrieval skills and begin to infer character feelings and motivations. The Explorer will also be the inspiration for our English unit on disaster writing. We will be writing some exciting adventure stories set in the rainforest, drawing on our reading of Katherine Rundell's book.

The learning menu this half term

Our driver this half term will be our Geography learning, focusing on rivers.

We will be looking at the Amazon river to gain an understanding of rivers and how they effect the world around them. We will also deepen our understanding of world Geography through the use of atlases.



In Art, we will be appraising the work of three artist including Louise

Bourgeois leading to understanding of how armatures support sculptures. We will be taking inspiration from their sculptures to create our own 3D sculptures.

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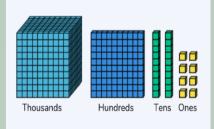




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Maths

Our first unit in Maths will focus on the vital building blocks of number— place value! We will build on the learning in Year 5 and start to explore numbers up to a million. Our learning will give us the skills to read, write order and compare increasingly large numbers.



Our focus will then switch to the four operations, with an aim to secure a written method for addition, subtraction, division and multiplication.

In our journey to prepare for Year 6, will also start to extend our understanding of decimals and negative numbers. By the end of the Autumn term, children should be able to count forwards and backwards over the zero barrier with increasing accuracy.

Science

In our Science this half term we are focussing on the life cycles of insects, mammals, birds and amphibians. Where we will be learning about them, comparing them and drawing scientific diagrams. We will also be having our own caterpillars in class so that we can see this lifecycle for ourselves.



PE

Year 5 PE days are on Monday and Fridays when children can wear their kit in to school. On Monday 11th we have Ellie Woodford in from Mini-handball in to run taster sessions and we will be continuing with handball in our games lessons this half term.

Geography

In Geography we will be finding out all about rivers. Focusing on the incredible Amazon river and a local river, we will learn about the physical features of a river. Over the unit, we will recap the skill of using an atlas and learn about the lines of longitude and latitude and discover the biomes of our planet.



