



Year 5 Summer 1 Newsletter

We hope you all had a restful Easter holiday and are looking forward to the Summer term. The children have settled in well and are working hard. Again we have lots to look forward to as we will be learning all about the rainforest and visiting Colchester Zoo to find out more about the animals which live in the rainforest. The children will also be researching and writing non-chronological reports about an animal of their choice.

Zoo trip

More details of the trip will be sent home with your child next week with regards to finalised timings and what they need to bring. Currently we have had less than half the year group contribute towards the trip cost. If you have yet to make a contribution, we would appreciate if you could do so by **Friday 3rd May**. **Sadly, if we do not receive enough contributions then we will have to cancel the trip.** If you would prefer to pay by cash, please place in a named envelope and bring to the school office.

P.E.

Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school on a Monday morning to ensure they are equipped to participate in both the P.E. and Games lessons.

Goldfinches will be starting swimming Wednesday 15th May. A letter providing more information will be given to the children.

Extra-Curricular Opportunities

Many children have joined the extra-curricular clubs available, which is excellent to see. Could we please ask that if for any reason your child is unable to participate one week that they speak to the teacher leading the club to let them know they won't be there. This is to ensure that all children are accounted for whilst doing the register.

Home Learning

We appreciate the support you are providing your children with regarding homework and reading. Please remember to record all reading your child does in their planner as these are checked weekly and count towards the 10 week reading credits. Planners will only be back dated for those children who forget to hand them in one week - this is to encourage them to be organised and responsible.

Please continue to encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars, which is an online programme through which they can develop their recall of times tables. There are weekly certificates for each year group for those who have the best time or most coins collected.

Volunteers

We would also be very grateful to anyone who is able to come in to school and listen to children read. If you are able to help, even if it's for just an hour, please see your child's class teacher. In line with our safe-guarding procedures, all volunteers will need to complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring System Check) and we welcome parents who feel they have the time to help in school to complete the check with us at the school office.

The Year 5 Team

Year 5 Curriculum - Summer 1st Half Term

	The children will be learning...
Topic	Rainforests - finding out about locations, habitats, climate, animals and the impact of deforestation.
Literacy	Using rainforests as a stimulus, writing non-chronological reports and persuasive texts.
Numeracy	Place value, fractions, time, multiplication, division, addition, subtraction and geometry.
Science	Living things and their habitats - pitfall traps and classification keys.
Computing	Databases linked to animals from the rainforest.
R.E.	Islam.
P.E.	P.E. - athletics. Games - rounders, cricket, tennis.
Music	Looking at great composers - Saint Seans. Using 'Carnival of the Animals' to explore pitch, tempo and volume to inspire their own composition for a rainforest animal.
Art and DT	Animal drawings and painting - Henri Rousseau.
French	Shopping for food, asking costs, party activities and opinions.
PSHE	Courage and Sex and Relationships.

Summer Term Key dates

- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – school closed
- Friday 10th May – Colchester Zoo
- Week beginning 13th May – Year 6 SATs Week – Year 5 in Year 6 block
- Tuesday 21st May – RE day - Islam
- Thursday 23rd May – Parents' Rainforest Cafe
- Friday 24th May – PTA Non-Uniform day
- Friday 24th May – Break up for half term
- Monday 3rd June – Back to school
- Week beginning 3rd June – Arts Week
- Friday 7th June – Falcon 50th celebration and PTA Summer Fair
- Wednesday 19th June – Sports Day Year 5
- Thursday 11th July – Transition Day – Children will spend the day with their new teacher