

# Year 5 Newsletter

## January





## Welcome to our Spring Term newsletter

This term our enquiry question is 'What impacts our world?' As part of this enquiry, we are going to be learning all about where rainforests are in the world, how they are impacted by human actions and what changes humans can make to limit this impact. To compliment this, in Science we will be looking at some notable naturalists and their work to protect endangered species.

Later in the term, our Science lessons will focus on materials including grouping them into categories based on their properties. We will look at insulators and conductors and consider which materials would be best for different purposes.

### Reading

As always at Greenwood, we will be developing the children's positive attitudes to reading.
We will be reading a wide range of texts in our reading lessons and enjoying listening to our class reading texts too.
Our spotlight authors this term are Vashti Hardy (Harley Hitch series) and Jeff Kinney (Diary of a Wimpy Kid. )
The children will be responsible for changing their own reading book this year and we will have regular time in our new library for the children to swap their books.
*To help your child, you can read with them at home during the week and record this in their reading diary. If there any words that they are unsure of, please help them look up the meaning in a dictionary.*

### English

We will be revisiting and building on the children's knowledge of spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We will also be writing a non-chronological report around Dr.Seuss' *The Lorax*, a narrative on the impact deforestation has on animals, a descriptive rainforest themed poem and a persuasive letter.

*To help your child at home, you can encourage them to join their handwriting and practise with them. The new handwriting scheme is becoming embedded in the classroom, but extra practise always helps. If you require any books to practise in, please let us know.*

### Maths

This term, we are building on our previous units to cover more complex questions surrounding multiplication, division and fractions.
We will them move onto introducing decimals and percentages including applying these to real world problems.
Finally, we will build on children's previous learning of area and perimeter by looking at more complex shapes and enhance their knowledge of statistics by recapping key representations.

*To help your child you can help them to apply Mathematical skills to real world problems such as working out change, how much a discounted item might cost and planning how long a journey might take.*

P.E. Lessons

**P.E lessons for Year 5 will take place on a Friday.**

Children can come to school in their PE kit on Fridays.
Please ensure your child is wearing **no jewellery** on this day and has suitable clothes for P.E. sessions e.g. plain white or blue t-shirt, blue or black shorts or joggers and outdoor trainers.
If it is cold, a sweatshirt or school PE hoodie should be worn too.

Any other information

Children need to bring their water bottle into school each day (not glass).
Please encourage your child to complete their homework, which will be set either on Purple Mash or as a hard copy on a Friday. Homework needs to be completed and submitted by the following Friday..
Please could we ask that all your child's items are named as this makes it easier to return any lost items quickly.
Please check Class Dojo regularly as we will update it will messages and reminders.



In school we support children with their mental health in many different ways for example through workshops, clubs and adult intervention. As a school we work closely with the Mental Health support team (MHST) who can offer further specialist support and guidance around mental health. If you have any worries or concerns about your child's mental health, please contact Miss Appleby either by phone or email.

aappleby@greenwoodprimary.org.uk

Over this academic year your child will take part in the following workshops

- Sleep Hygiene workshop
- Resilience workshop
- Wellbeing workshop

**Other notes**

It is crucial that children arrive at school and are ready to learn for 8.40am and are collected promptly at 3.15pm.
If you have any questions or problems, please get in touch via Dojo, school email or by ringing the school office.

Orangutans – hevans@greenwoodprimary.org.uk

Tigers – smiles@greenwoodprimary.org.uk

Dates for your diary

World Religion Day – 20th January 2025

Year 5 performance – Late March (date will be confirmed closer to the time)