



# Year 5 – Summer 1

## Our topics for this half term

**Geography:** During the Summer terms, our focus in Geography will be biomes. This will include learning about what a biome is, where they are around the world and looking at how plants and animals survive in different biomes.

**History:** We will be looking at the Changes in Britain following World War 2. This will include studying the formation of the NHS, the Windrush Generation, and how different our country is now compared to 1945.

**Science:** In Science, we will begin our topic on Animals (including Humans). Throughout this topic, we will learn about the changes in humans over time, the role of the heart and blood vessels, and how we can keep our bodies healthy.

**PE:** Our PE days in this term will be Monday (rounders) and Tuesday (football). Both will take place outdoors.

## Uniform

In recent weeks, we have seen an increase in the number of children not attending school in the correct and appropriate uniform (including PE days). As the weather begins to get warmer, please ensure that your child is wearing grey or black trousers/shorts/skirts, a white polo shirt, and a red sweatshirt or cardigan; shoes must be appropriate black shoes or trainers (with no logos). PE uniform can include black or navy leggings/jogging bottoms/shorts, white t-shirt, plain black/navy sweatshirt/jumper, and appropriate trainers or pumps. Clothing with logos are not permitted.

## Key Learning in English

**Writing:** For the Summer terms, we will be using the novel *Holes* as our inspiration for a number of independent writes. This will include a non-chronological report and an informal letter.

**Reading:** After finishing *Kensuke's Kingdom* last term, we will be moving onto the novel *Wonder* as our focus in Reading lessons. This is a fantastic book that will allow the children to continue practicing their Reading comprehension skills.

To support your child, please read with your child as much as you can (at least 3 times per week). All of the children now have their own Reading Records to record this in and get Dojos.



## Key Learning in Maths

**Lesson Focus:** This term, we will move on from the four operations, and begin looking at other aspects of maths, such as geometry, measurement, and statistics.

**Times Tables Rock Stars:** We practise our times tables as much as we can, aiming for 15 minutes a day! This is done on Times Tables Rock Stars to support their knowledge and speed of recall. TTRS can be accessed at home and is a perfect way to continue recall of multiplications children need.



**Arithmetic:** The children will continue to complete a weekly Arithmetic test. These are now more structured to the skills children are learning in year 5 and any misconceptions we see in lessons

## Educational Visit to Eden Camp

Our educational visit to Eden Camp is fast approaching, and will be taking place on Tuesday 28th April. This visit will allow the children to experience the sights, sounds and smells of life on the Home Front and the Front Line, linking to our previous History topic. The activities will cover a number of curriculum areas whilst also igniting the children's curiosity and knowledge of history, heritage, and the personal stories of those who experienced World War 2. For more information regarding times and lunches, please find the Class Dojo post from the 17th of March.

## Key Vocabulary

### History

infrastructure  
manifesto  
coronation  
commonwealth

### Geography

biomes  
ecosystem  
latitude  
biodiversity