

Betty Layward Primary School

Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2 2018

Welcome back to our second spring term Thank you for your continued support last half term.

We have lots of exciting things planned for this half term.

Year 5 staff

5 Buttercup

Anna Reynolds—Class Teacher

Dorinda Mills— Teaching Assistant

Giulia Stella—Learning Support
Assistant

5 Saffron

Briony Blow—Class Teacher

Dorinda Mills— Teaching Assistant

Announcements

This half term we will be continuing with swimming. Saffron will be swimming on Wednesdays and Buttercup on Tuesdays.

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March. We have planned an exciting day for the children and can't wait to see their costumes!

Buttercup's class assembly is on Thursday 8th March.

Parents evening—Thursday 8th March

Sports Relief—Thursday 22nd March and Friday 23rd March.

Science

The children will learn to:

- compare and group together everyday materials
- know that some materials will dissolve in liquid to form a solution, and describe how to recover a substance from a solution
- use knowledge of solids, liquids and gases to decide how mixtures might be separated, including through filtering, sieving and evaporating
- demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes
- explain that some changes result in the formation of new materials,

For this half term our topic is:

"Into the Jungle"



This term, we'll be focusing on Geography—both human and physical. We'll be discovering climate zones around the world, as well as taking a look at environmental and economic activity in rainforests.

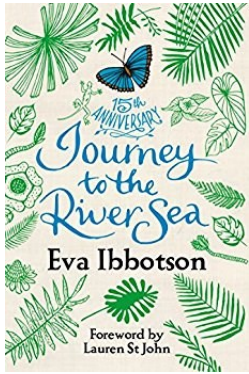
Maths

In Maths, we will be:

- Further developing our understanding of number and place value, including the place value of fractions and decimals, and negative numbers.
- Consolidating our knowledge of fractions, decimals, and percentages including:
 - Ordering and comparing decimals
 - Finding fractions or percentages of amounts (e.g. 65% of 40).

English

We will be reading and exploring Eva Ibbotson "Journey to The River Sea" in great detail. Using this text, we will pull out key language and vocabulary so that the children will have a good model to inspire them to achieve their targets. We will be exploring characters and settings and creating our own "photo albums" documenting Maia's journey into the Amazon.



Reading

It is an expectation that your child is reading for 10-20 minutes each day.

It is most important that your child reads EVERY DAY.

After reading children it is important for children to be asked questions about what they have read. We want to develop their skills of understanding, inference and deduction. For them to understand why the writer has selected the words they have and what effect the punctuation has had on the piece. It's also great if they can start selecting WOW words. These are exciting and adventurous words which will feed

Geography

We will be exploring different climate zones around the world and identifying why they have different climates. We'll be locating rainforests around the world, discussing the climates within the rainforests and examining different peoples who live in rainforests. We'll explore the different settlement types and their economic activity including selling Palm Oil and logging.



Art

In Art, we'll be looking at the work of Henri Rousseau, and recreating his work, considering the different layers he has created, as well as his use of shading and colour.

We'll be trying to develop our understanding the concepts of foreground and background, as well as sketching and shading different animals of the jungle carefully and methodically.

Homework

Every second week the children receive a list of spelling words and number facts (times tables) that they will need to learn over the 2 week period. We would appreciate your support in helping the children to learn these spellings and number facts in preparation for a fortnightly test.

Spelling and number facts are an essential part of the children's learning and all your support at home would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

If you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us directly, via the school

Useful Websites:

These will be used to support and extend your child's learning:

http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/habitats/Tropical_and_subtropical_moist_broadleaf_forests



