



Crabtree Farm Primary School

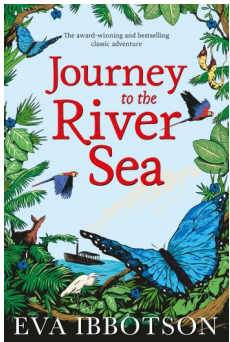
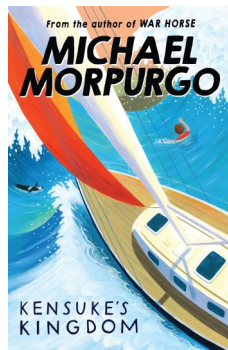
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Summer Term Newsletter 2024

Year 5 News

English

In the first half of the summer term, we will complete some writing linked to our previous science topic, space. We will be informing people about the International Space Station. Our class novel for this half term is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo. We will be using this text as inspiration to write a persuasive letter.



During the second half of the summer term, we will be reading Journey to River Sea by Eva Ibbotson. We will be writing a story based in the rainforest. We will also write an information text on a rainforest animal.

Maths

During this half term, we will be building on our knowledge of multiplication and division by learning formal methods for calculating with larger-digit numbers. Later on in the half term, we will also be looking at angles and shape in our geometry unit. Finally, we will conclude the year with area and perimeter.



Welcome to the final term in Year 5. Our team consists of Miss Cranney, Miss Provines, Miss Wilson, Mr Shaw, Miss Johnson and Miss Bloomfield.

History

Our history topic in summer 1 will be 'The Maya Civilisation'. We will be learning all about their food, culture, religion and number system, as well as analysing some Mayan writing.



Geography

During the second half term, we are studying geography. We are learning all about the rainforest. This includes looking at where



rainforests are located, their climates, the different layers (emergent, canopy, understory and forest floor) and the different animals that live in each section.

Science

During the first half term, we will be learning about 'living things and their habitats'. We will be comparing life cycles of different plants, mammals, amphibians, birds and insects. We will also look at the different ways that living things reproduce.

In the second half term, we will be learning about 'animals including humans'. Here we will look at gestational periods of animals and humans.



School Trips

We appreciate that many of you like to prepare for the cost of school trips so here is a list of the trips or experiences that we will be participating in.

- Attenborough Nature Reserve (£9.50)

Homework and Reading Books

Spellings will be given out weekly and the children will be tested the following week. Please practice and test your children on their spellings, so they can do as well as possible. Maths homework is also given out weekly.

Your child will be given a 'book-banded' reading book, which they are responsible for changing when they have finished. We ask that you read with your child **at least 5 times per week**. Please sign their diary after they have read. This will count as their 'read' towards our RED TED reading initiative.

It is vital that your child brings their reading book and diary into school everyday.

As well as spellings and reading, other homework will be sent home or set online (task dependant).

Questions and Issues

If you have any questions or issues with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know.

The best time to speak to Miss Cranney, Miss Provines, Mr Shaw, Miss Wilson and Miss Johnson is at the end of the school day when you can make an appointment to speak to them. The preferred method for this is to arrange to have a telephone appointment with the teacher.

Please do not come into the year 5 cloakroom in the morning with your child. If you wish to see a teacher in the morning, please speak to whoever is on the door and they can pass a message on or arrange an appointment for you.



PE

Did you know... exercise helps improve mental health and well-being?

This term we will be doing PE on a **Monday** and a **Friday**. We will be doing striking and fielding and athletics with Mr Kiggins and focusing on physical activities with Mr Shaw. On these days, your child will need to come to school in **black joggers/ leggings, with their usual school top**. They will also need to be wearing their **black trainers or pumps**.

Dates for your diary

15th April - Start of Summer 1 Half Term

25th April - Spanish Day

6th May - Bank Holiday

24th May - Last day of Summer 1 Half Term

3rd June - Start of Summer 2 Half Term

6th June - Sports Day

3rd July - Summer Fayre

10th July - Transition Day

12th July - Reports to parents/carers

22nd July - Talent Show

25th July - Last day of Summer 2 Half Term

26th July - INSET Day

PSHE

During our rights and responsibilities topic, We are learning about the things that we should have and the things that we should do.

During our growing and changing topic, We are learning about our bodies and our relationship with ourselves and others. We are focusing on how these things grow and change over time.

Relationship and Sex Education.

In RSE, we will be exploring male and female changes during puberty in more detail, with a focus on hygiene, including spot cream, deodorant and regular washing.

Recommended books to support the RSE topics:

- Everything you ever wanted to know about periods by Dr Rosemary Jones
- Hair in Funny Places by Babette Cole

Diversity Calendar

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar we will be learning about:

13/4/24 Vaisakhi - Sikh new year

22/4/24 Earth Day

23/4/24 St George's Day

6-12/5/24 Deaf Awareness week

23/5/24 Vesak – Buddhist festival

9/6/24 Race Unity day

16-19/6/24 Eid-al-Adha

24-28/6/24 School Diversity Week

6-7/7/24 Al-Hijra/Muharram—Islamic New Year

