

Year 5 Newsletter

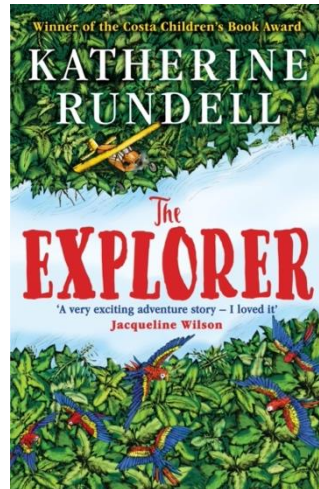
Autumn Term 2 2023-2024



Well done to all the pupils for a very enjoyable 1st half term!

The Explorer

We will be using the book 'The Explorer' to support our reading and writing lesson this term. This novel, written by the up-and-coming author Katherine Rundell, tells the story of four children and their fight for survival in the Amazon rainforest after a plane crash. Copies of certain chapters will be available on Showbie later in the term, which we will use as inspiration for our own adventure narratives in writing and we will analyse them in detail for our reading lessons.



Uniform

Please **label all items** of clothing with your child's name to enable us to return lost property to the correct child. Children should be wearing a **school logo** jumper and **black shoes** or trainers. Please remember that earrings are **not permitted** at school. Children wearing earrings to school will be asked to remove them.

Home Learning

Your child must read at home, each night wherever possible, in order to make good progress. Parents/carers can help pupils by reading alongside with them and by asking questions in relation to the text. Your child will continue to receive weekly spellings alongside additional maths tasks. These will be set on Friday and must be completed by the following Friday. Children are expected to read every day and parents/carers need to acknowledge this through a signature once a week. The journals are checked in school regularly.

Physical Education

P.E. days will remain the same as last half term: Tuesdays for 5TS and Mondays and Wednesdays for 5SA. Children can wear a PE kit for the duration of the day when they have a PE lesson. As the weather is now starting to become colder the pupils are expected to bring in warmer, suitable clothing to stay warm.

Fruit

Children can bring in a piece of fruit to eat during break time. Please note that children should only be bringing water to drink during play and lunch times.

Foundation topics

In our science lessons this term, our topic is Earth and Space. Children will be taught the planets in our solar system and how the orbit and rotation of the Earth and the Moon give us seasons and day and night. In Geography, we will be learning about the physical properties of South America. Our R.E. topic is Christians Festivals, and in PSHE we will be exploring living in the wider world, discussing future job / career prospects, and learning how to handle and budget money.

Value of the Month

This term, we will explore the value of **peace**. We explore our values in depth through assemblies, PSHE lessons and across the wider curriculum. We will also be exploring the theme of **tolerance**.

Key dates this term

- 5TS sharing assembly – Friday 17th November.
- Dare To Be Different Day – Friday 1st December.
- School Christmas Fair – Friday 1st December.
- UKS2 Christmas concerts – 19th and 21st December
- Christmas jumper / Christmas lunch day – 20th December.

Mobile phones

Children are allowed to bring mobile phones into school. These must be handed into the child's class teacher every morning. They will be returned to the children at the end of the school day.

The children have worked extremely hard across all areas of the curriculum. In particular, the children should be very proud of the 'Tempest' display which presents an array of outstanding pieces of learning. The school was particularly impressed with the range of outstanding writing outcomes produced which included a setting description, a character description and a letter. Once again, a wonderful start to the year and let's hope that this continues as we move towards Christmas! Mr. Savage and Ms. Ashdown.