

Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter
Summer 2
Let's Grow!



Dear Parents/Carers,

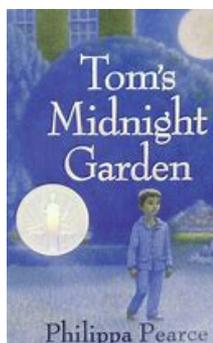
It may have been short but Year 5 certainly packed lots of learning into the term! What great geographers we have been, learning about the River Nene and the water cycle.

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This term, our theme will allow us to widen our scientific knowledge of life cycles. When we look at plants, we will be growing our own vegetables and also looking at plants in our local environment and across the world. We will also be looking at the difference in the life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds.



English



In English, our class book will be Tom's Midnight Garden. We will be learning how to write our own mystery story, which will include an element of a flashback. Our focus will be on how we can build characterisation into our creative writing. We will then move on to looking at using first person to create biographies and towards the end of term we will explore rhyming couplets which we will use to write some wonderful poems. To support your child at home, please ask them about their writing targets.

Reading

It is essential that children read at least three times per week to develop their fluency and understanding. Children will be rewarded for reading. If children are finding it difficult to read at home, they should speak to their class teacher about when they can use the library. Children can read alone, with a sibling or a parent. Your child's reading will need to be written in their reading log each time they read. Your child has a subscription to www.oxfordowl.co.uk where they can read e-books. One lucky child will win a book at the end of the month!



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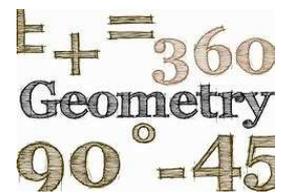
Spellings



Children will be set spellings to learn each week and these should be practised at least three times per week to support spelling lessons in school. Your child has a subscription to www.spellingshed.com where they are able to practise their spellings and compete against others if they want to.

Maths

We will be extending our understanding learning of geometry and measure. We are exploring the properties of shapes, followed by investigating the position and direction of the shapes. Year 5 are looking forward to some magnificent mathematics next term!



Times tables

By the end of **Year 4**, children should be able to recall all their times tables and related division facts up to 12 x 12. During Year 5, we continually practise these so that they can be recalled at greater speed and then applied during harder Maths problems. Times tables and division facts are something that can be practised at any time of day and in any place. Your child has a subscription to Times Tables Rockstars. If you could keep practising with your child, we will all become times table superstars!

Key Dates: - Please see attached sheet

Have a super break and tell us about all your adventures when you return.

Yours Sincerely

Miss Miller, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Tracey
Year 5 Team