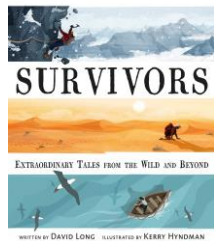


Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2023

Welcome back!

We all welcome you back and hope you have had a lovely summer break. We are really looking forward to a brand-new term and seeing all the children back together, ready for some awesome learning!



Unit of Learning

This half term, we will be looking at the **physical geography** of South America, including its biomes, vegetation belt and understanding the significance of its varied climates across the country.

In **science**, we will be exploring space and more specifically the planets in our solar system, the Sun and the Moon.

We will also be studying the artist Kehinde Wiley and his work of master painters. The children will be using his inspiration to create their own stained-glass self-portraits based on the master painters. In **French**, we will be learning how to describe our families!

English

In English this term, we will begin by focusing on a story called 'The Girl who Fell from the Sky', a true event involving Juliane Koepcke. The children will write a diary entry in the role of Koepcke, describing how she felt when she survived the crash landing in the Amazon Rainforest. The children will then develop their understanding of survival skills needed in this biome based on how she managed to stay alive and be rescued.

Maths

This term, we will develop our place value knowledge, recognising and representing numbers up to 1,000,000. Revisiting and building upon the children's maths mastery in Year 4, children will become more familiar and confident with key maths skills and how to apply their knowledge to problems. Using Times Table Rock Stars at school and at home, please encourage your child to practise their times tables and division facts. The children have their login details stuck at the back of their learning journals and will need access to a device at home (tablet/laptop/smart phone). The children need to complete a 'Garage' session for 3 minutes every day.



Home Learning

Our Home Learning Journal enables children, parents and teachers to communicate regularly. One of the most important ways to help your child is to read with them and listen to them read. In Year 5, we recommend that children read with an adult every evening for about half an hour. Please encourage your child to apply their reading skills in everyday scenarios and ensure that your child brings their learning journal to school daily. The children will also have weekly spellings and times tables which they will need to practise through the week at home for a quiz on Fridays.

Uniform and P.E. kit

All school uniform is available online, via <https://www.mapac.com/education/parents>. Children should wear black or grey trousers, skirts or pinafores. Please label all items of clothing with your child's name and support us by ensuring that your child does not wear jewellery, nail varnish, jogging bottoms, leggings or short skirts. Boys should not have any patterns shaved into their hair. For P.E, children should wear plain black or blue t-shirts, dark shorts/tracksuit bottoms and trainers/plimsolls. PE will be on **Mondays** and one other day of the week depending on the class. Please bring in your PE kit for Monday's session and keep it in the school for the week.

Attendance

We encourage all children to have excellent attendance at South Rise. Regular attendance brings enormous benefits to every pupil's self esteem and attainment levels. It is important to set the expectation of good attendance right from the beginning of the school year. The target for every child's attendance is 97% - you can monitor your child's attendance percentage through the MIS App.