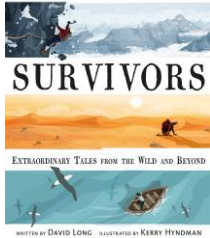


Year 5 Newsletter

Autumn 1 2025

Welcome back!

We are pleased to welcome you back to South Rise for an exciting Autumn term packed with new learning! Read on to find out what Year Five will be up to this half-term, as well as some other important reminders.



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 study the skill of sketching using different mediums in **Art**. The children will be using these skills and techniques create their own image based on our class book. In **Computing**, we will be learning about the importance of reputation online.

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 develop their understanding of survival skills needed in a rainforest biome based on how she managed to stay alive and seek rescue in a hostile environment. Later in the half-term, we will explore the work of Sir David Attenborough, who will be celebrating his hundredth birthday during this academic year. We will use his unique narrative style as inspiration for our own commentaries on nature.

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 Reading Record 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 reading record 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 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. Your child should bring in their PE kit for Monday and keep it in the school for the week. **5KJ's PE days are Thursday and Friday. 5DG's PE days are Tuesday and Thursday.**

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 at least 97% - you can monitor your child's attendance percentage through the MCAS app.

Thank you for your support – Mr Jones and Mr Gage