



St Mary Abbots School

Class 5 Curriculum Newsletter – Spring 1

Dear Class 5,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful break, filled with lots of fun and chance to rest!

This term we will be starting a new Geography topic- Sow, Grow Farm. This topic focuses on understanding how different types of farming impact our planet, across different climates. We will explore the impact of deforestation, with particular focus on the Amazon rainforest.

In Science, we will be learning to describe the differences in the life cycles of a mammal, an amphibian, and insect and a bird. We will describe the life process in some plants including how plants reproduce. We will learn about the gestation period of mammals including humans, how humans age over time including how the body changes during puberty and aging. Some key vocabulary your children will learn includes cataract, foetus, gestation, process and stage. Please see attached knowledge organiser.

I am so looking forward to our learning this half term with you all!
Best wishes,
Miss Jones

Homework Notice!

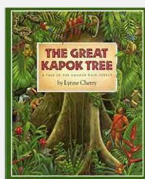
Homework will be given out every Monday and is due back on Friday.

Maths



In Maths this half term, we will be focusing on fractions. We will be learning how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. We will be learning how to order and compare mixed numbers and improper fractions. We will also be learning how to multiply fractions by whole numbers.

English



In English this half term, we will be exploring many books related directly to our Geography topic. We will use these books to influence our writing. We will be writing persuasive leaflets, explanations, retells and newspaper reports.

Our Curriculum Topics

Science
Life Cycles

Geography
Sow, Grow, Farm

Religious Education
Sikhism

Music
Jazz

Physical Education
Fitness

Art & DT
Line Drawing

PSHE
Rights and Respect

Computing
Coding and Spreadsheets

Key Information

PE will be every **Wednesday**.

Children visiting the school library to change books- **Monday fortnightly**

All reading books to be in school daily.

The Christian value for this half term is:

Justice