



# Sea Turtles

## Autumn 1 Newsletter

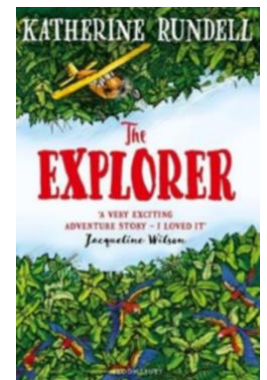
Welcome to Year 5! We are looking forward to a great year together. This newsletter aims to set out the key information to be shared about this year. I will keep you up to date on any extra information on our class page and through text messages.

This is our timetable for Autumn 1 – There may be flexibility and changes to the timetable throughout the half term, but we will begin the term with this weekly timetable.

	8:45 – 9:30	9:30 – 10:45		11:00 – 12:00		1:10 – 1:40	1:40 – 2:30	2:30 – 3:20	3:20 – 3:30
Monday	WCR	English	Break	Maths	Lunch	Spelling Practice	Swimming		
Tuesday	Comprehension	English (Mr. Read)		Maths (Mr. Read)		Handwriting	History/Geography	Computing	Class reader
Wednesday	WCR	English		Maths		Spelling Practice	Science	R.E.	
Thursday	WCR	English		Maths		Handwriting	Reading comprehension (Mrs. Dallison)	French (Mrs. Schumann)	
Friday	R.S.H.E	English + Spelling Test		Maths		Art	Music	Star Assembly	

### OUR CLASS BOOK

The Explorer by Katherine Rundell will be our class reader for this half term. We will use it in our Whole Class Guided reading sessions and we will read it at the end of the day. The children are welcome to bring their own copy of the book. We will review the book when we have finished it!

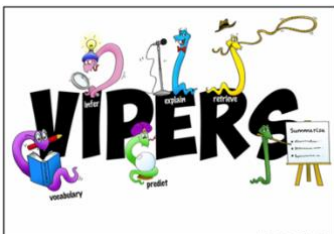


### English

#### Writing

During this half term, we will be taking part in a whole school writing activity based on Disney/Pixar's Piper short film. This will involve writing our own stories to retell the story of Piper's journey to loving the ocean. We will then use our class book to write a narrative that focuses on the beginning of a story. Finally, we will be writing a newspaper article; this will also be based on The Explorer.

In our class, the children can self-nominate their work to be celebrated and shared on our class page, in all subjects – keep your eye out for fabulous work that Year 5 are proud of.



### Whole Class Reading (WCR)

We will do 2-3 Whole Class Guided Reading sessions in the mornings throughout the week. This will involve reading our class book and answering questions based on the VIPERS that focus on developing the children's reading skills such as, Prediction; Inference; Retrieval of information; Broadening vocabulary; Evaluation; Summarising; Sequencing.

## Comprehension

The children will look at answering comprehension questions on a range of texts with Mr. Read and Mrs. Dallison each week. These will be shorter sessions where they will learn how to answer questions that relate to a text in an efficient and prompt manner.

## Spellings

Spellings will be in the same format as Year 4, the children will be given spelling to practise in class, where they will learn the rule and use these spellings for handwriting practise, too. They will have a weekly test on the spelling, on a Friday, to see how well the children have retained the spelling rule.

## + Maths +

We will cover a range of topics throughout the half term, focusing mainly on Place Value and Number skills until Christmas. Little Eaton Primary School follow the White Rose maths scheme; therefore, we begin with Place Value, this will include rounding, comparing and ordering numbers, numbers to 10,000,000, Roman numerals, etc. Then, we will move onto Addition and Subtraction. This will include the column methods and learning a range of mental strategies for adding and subtracting large numbers.

## Topic (History/Geography)

Our Topic this half term is RAINFORESTS. This will involve aiming to answer a key question each week:

- What are rainforests?
- Where is South America?
- Where are all the rainforests?
- Why does it rain so much in a rainforest?
- Who lives in a rainforest?
- Why are rainforests shrinking?
- Are we protecting them?





Then we will summarise our learning!



## French

French will be taught on a Thursday afternoon to half of the class by Mrs. Schumann. The other half will be in Forest Schools (more details below)

## Sports

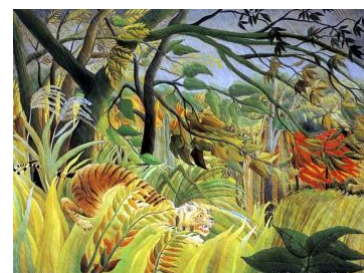
 Swimming  – Swimming will be on a Monday afternoon. This will not start immediately; I will send out more details about swimming when we know more.



 Forest Schools  – The children are lucky enough to get to take part in Forest School afternoons with Mrs. Mould and Mrs. Lenton. The children will be split into two groups. On a Thursday afternoon, half of the class will get to do Forest School and the other half will be in the classroom. Then this will swap next half term. A letter will be sent out early on this week with more details for this half term's group. It is important that the permission slips are returned ASAP.

## Art

We will be learning about **Henri Rousseau** and his great work. We will focus on Surprised! And look at the colours in this artwork. We will then have a go at blending and creating shades of colouring and creating our own Henri Rousseau inspired artwork.



## Music

We will be learning about a range of singing skills using Livin' on a Prayer. We will get to compose our own music and perform it within the class.

## Science

Our topic is **Changes and Properties of Materials**. This is a big topic, with lots of learning so we will be covering this until Christmas. We will cover Thermal and Electrical insulators and conductors and properties of materials this half term. This will involve theoretical learning and practical application of this learning.

✨ R.E. ✨

Our Religious Education topic will also be covered until Christmas. This will have a focus of a key question:

*Why do some people believe God exists?*

😊 R.S.H.E. 😊

Our R.S.H.E topic will focus on a topic called '**Be Yourself**'. This topic will be focusing on loving ourselves and understanding our emotions and how we handle them well.

💻 Computing 💻

In computing we will be covering a topic that focuses on understanding how computer systems work. This will involve looking at how search engines present results and how we impact these results being shown when we click on links.

✍ Homework ✍

Homework is due in on a **Thursday** morning. This includes Maths, English and Reading Journals. If the children forget these, they will stay in for 5 minutes at play time. Children are welcome to do their homework in school, during playtime if they do not have time at home. In the Maths homework books, the children will have 'helpful hints' sheets to support their homework. The children are expected to record their reading at home. If the children have read every day of the week **at home**, then they will earn **two** raffle tickets towards the prize draw.

**We really don't want homework to be a source of stress or anxiety, only an extension of the children's learning at school. If your child is struggling with their homework, please stop and bring it in to school. Mrs. Lenton or I will go through their work with them.** 😊

If you have any questions feel free to talk to myself, Miss Rouke, after school. I will be on the playground. If you would like to email, please send an email to Mrs Carter in the office at [julie.carter@litleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:julie.carter@litleeaton.derbyshire.sch.uk) and it will be forwarded on.

We're going to have a great year! 😁