



Year 5 Newsletter Term 5



SKEGNESS JUNIOR ACADEMY



Deforestation- Blue Planet

Welcome back from the Easter break. Despite the national restrictions/lockdown still weighing over us all, we are incredibly excited to welcome our children back to school for this summer term. The pupils are continuing to impress us with their resilience during this time and have adapted extremely well. In Year 5, we are going to be learning all about the natural world, with a more specific focus on deforestation. This term, we will be adopting the Classroom with Clouds approach, which means we will be taking learning outside wherever possible! Please see Twitter for news on our activities!

Topic this term: Deforestation

Science and geography take centre stage in our topic this term. The children will be learning about living things and their habitats, alongside exploring different climate zones. In geography, children will learn how to read maps and navigate using a compass, working with maps, statistics, and facts on a larger scale.

In RE, we will be looking at how different religions express their beliefs through the arts. IT will continue to be incorporated throughout the curriculum and pupils will be applying technology in a wide range of lessons. In Art, we will be exploring Andy Goldsworthy and recreating some of his natural sculptures.

Things to remember...

PE days this term are Monday and Wednesday. Children are to arrive at school in their kit, as we are unable to provide changing facilities in school for large groups.

PE Kits- PE is outside (weather permitting), so please make sure your child has suitable footwear (not plimsolls) and tracksuit bottoms would also be better at this time of year. We have been letting pupils wear their school jumpers/cardigans to keep warm.

Uniform: Correct uniform to be worn at all times, including sensible black shoes (not trainers). Please make sure your child has a jumper/cardigan, as we are keeping windows open to keep the classrooms ventilated.

Reading- Thank you for your support (and patience) with moving our tracking of reading online. We feel that the Forms system is working extremely well and it gives us a very clear picture of reading habits and progress. If you are still struggling to access Forms, please get in touch with your teacher.

English: In the first week, we will be learning all about the water cycle and writing an explanation text. We will then be creating some exciting limericks about creepy creatures of the deep, in which we will be uncovering mysteries of the deep oceans. Later on in the term, we will then be learning about David Attenborough and Greta Thunberg and what they are currently trying to achieve in the world. We will then be Reporting on these key environmental issues, both verbally and in written form, before finishing the with a debate, with children taking on the roles of environmentalists and industrialists.

Maths: During this term, we will be working on Decimals, ratio and percentages, which will include the sizing of natural objects. We will also be incorporating the properties of shape this term. Pupils will also be building on their place value knowledge to structure their methods, then use these methods to answer trickier, wordy problems. Rapid recall of multiplication facts continues to be a high priority and we encourage pupils to increase their recall speed using the TT Rockstars program at home.