



Blue Planet: Deforestation

Year 5

Term 5 2026

This Term

Welcome back from the Easter break, only two more terms until the transition to Y6! We'll be working on the children's independence and resilience, ready for their final year. This term we are going to be learning all about the natural world, with a more specific focus on the world's forests and oceans, learning about the impact human activity is having on them, as well as how we can make small changes in our everyday lives to help reduce further damage.

Maths

During this term, we will be working on angles, understanding their importance in a practical contexts. We will also be learning about trickier problems around shape translation and symmetry, identifying a wider range of shapes and learning their properties.



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.

English

We will be starting the term off with the book 'The Barnabus Project', by the Fan Brothers. This book covers the theme of individuality, with the students writing an escape plan for the pets, including dialogue.

In reading lessons, we are reading 'The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane', a story about a pretentious toy rabbit who gradually learns to change their ways for the better.

Science

In science we will be investigating living things and their habitats. We have many exciting experiments lined up again and we will be taking advantage of our own nature area in the school grounds.



Scan the QR code for some ideas to investigate at home.

Curriculum

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 the theme of 'Who should get to be in charge?', exploring how different faiths and cultures choose their leaders and how religions are guided by their own rule systems.

In Art, we will be continuing to learn about making money in the arts. Our core focus is in building design and architecture. We will be learning about Norman Foster and Stephen Wiltshire.

Reading at Home

Thank you for your continued support in recording home reading, it really does make a huge difference to your child's reading speed and comprehension, as well as the acquisition of new and exciting vocabulary!

Key Messages

PE continues to be on a Wednesday and Friday, children are to come dressed in outdoor-appropriate kit. As the weather is warming up, sunscreen and a hat will be needed.

