



# Year 5 Newsletter

## Spring 1—2023/2024



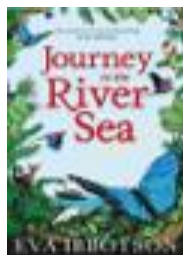
### Notices and reminders

Please ensure:

- Five reads are completed at home as a priority for home learning;
- Water bottles only contain water;
- Jumpers and cardigans are clearly labelled;
- Long hair is tied back.

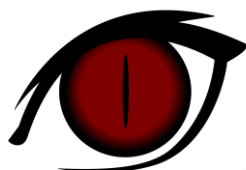
### Reading

This term, the children will continue reading 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. This is an adventure story following Maia, an orphan girl, who travels to South America to live with relatives. Much of the story is set in The Amazon Rainforest, which will link very well with our geography unit for this term. The children will continue to develop their comprehension skills through careful analysis of the text and related vocabulary.



### Writing

This term, the children will be starting another new writing unit, following the story of The Red Eye, and creating our own lost item narratives. The children will have a chance to practise their skills on openings and put into action all of the descriptive tools we have given them in the previous half term. We are really excited to see which stories they come up with!



### Key dates

**Back to school - Tuesday 2nd January 2024**

***INSET DAY - Monday 15th January 2024***

***HALF TERM - Monday 12th to Friday 16th February***

***INSET DAY - Thursday 28th March 2024***

Term dates can be found on our website here:

<https://www.hale.kite.academy/news-and-events/term-dates/>

### Maths

In maths, the children will be extending their knowledge of fractions by learning how to multiply unit and non-unit fractions by whole numbers, as well as finding fractions of an amount. They will then be moving onto learning about decimal numbers, specifically looking at the link between decimals, fractions and percentages and how to convert between them.

$$\frac{50}{100} = \frac{1}{2}$$

50%

0.5

## Science

This term, the children will be continuing to learn about properties and changes of materials. They will be exploring how to plan and conduct a fair test by identifying the variables. Through these fair tests, they will discover how the temperature of water affects dissolving, before looking at irreversible changes.



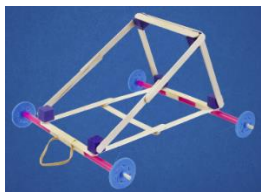
## Geography

The children will investigate what the different effects of deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest are. They will be learning about major lines of latitude, biomes, the human, physical and locational geography of South America, focusing on Brazil.



## DT

This term, the children will be designing and constructing our own sling shot car. They will learn how to make a chassis and launch mechanism and consider the criteria for a successful design.



## PE

This term, the children will develop their knowledge of the game of badminton. They will learn how to perform a net shot, an overhead clear and an overhead dropshot. The children will then apply these techniques and consider tactics in a competitive situation.



## Computing

In computing, the children will learn about networks. They will develop their understanding of computer networks (including the internet), how they can provide multiple services such as the World Wide Web, and the opportunities they offer for communication and collaboration.



## PSHE

By examining the various ways we can communicate in the modern world, the children will be looking to become better communicators. They will be spending time learning how to communicate safely with others across various media.



## French

In French, the children will learn how to describe the members of a family, including the words for parents and siblings. They will also build on previous years' knowledge and learn the numbers from 10 to 70.



## Suggested books for reading

