



# Year 5 Newsletter

November 2017

## Points of Interest

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- Swimming
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## Swimming

5L will be swimming on Thursdays for the duration of this half term. Children will be split into 2 ability based groups and taught by 2 excellent 'in pool' instructors at the UEA. We hope that by Christmas, all children will be able to swim a minimum of 25m!

## Parent Volunteers

We currently have spaces in our year group for parent volunteers! Whether this is as a one off or on a more regular basis, it can have a really positive impact on the children we teach!

If you are interested in helping, please speak to your child's teacher or email the school office.

## Welcome Back!

We hope you had a great half-term break and that you are feeling refreshed and ready to learn! To help keep you up to date with our curriculum this half term, you will find an up to date curriculum map on the school website. This year we have a brand new school website with a specific Year 5 section. We will be uploading some photos on here as well as our optional homework activities, newsletters and other updates. We will also be continuing to upload information and pictures to Class Dojo.

## ICC - Rainforests

In ICC this half term we are heading south of the equator to some of the World's rainforests, including the Sumatran and Bornean forests as well as the famous Amazon! During this topic, children will have the opportunity to learn about some of the many different habitats and ecosystems within the rainforests and how many of these are finely balanced. Children will also learn about more topical and controversial issues such as palm oil plantations, deforestation and eco-tourism

As part of our Rainforest topic, we are also going to Amazona Zoo in Cromer! It is imperative that we have all permission slips returned before Monday 6th November if children are to go on the trip. If you have misplaced the permission slip (or not received one), spare copies are available at the school office and on Class Dojo.

## Refugee Projects

A huge well done to everyone who created a project on their class refugee during the summer holidays! There was such variety in the way the projects were presented and the quality of them all was superb. It was clear to see that a lot of time and effort had been spent on them!

## PE and Music Timetables

- 5L: Thursday (Swimming and PE)
- 5Z: Tuesday and Thursday
- 5K: Monday and Thursday
- 5CJ: Monday, Friday

Individual music lessons will continue to be at different times to ensure that children do not miss the same lesson each week. Timetables for these are available in each classroom as well as in the music room. We strongly encourage the children check the timetable each morning, and write down their time on the board. We do our best to remind children of their music lessons.

## Warner Brothers Studios Trip

Following another superb trip to the 'Harry Potter Experience' last year, I am pleased to announce that we have been able to secure a visit for all 4 classes again! It is a wonderfully exciting trip that links in perfectly with our topic on significant children's authors. Children will learn about the making of these iconic films as well as some of the inspiration behind the story lines. Even if you have never read a Harry Potter book or seen one of the films, the studios is still a fabulous experience! Classes will go separately in the first few weeks of the Spring Term. More details will be sent home in the next few weeks.