



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to a new school year after a long time away! We are so excited to see you all and get stuck back into our amazing learning journey at Team AK.

Our topics this term will be based on books called 'Under the same Sky' and 'Journey to the River Sea'. We are focusing on how to live life in all its fullness, what makes our world so beautiful and how we can look after one another. We will be learning all about why the Amazon Rainforest is important and what secrets it holds!

### Homework

Your child will be given a new Home Learning brochure with tasks linked to our topic, for the entire term in advance next week.

Your children will have a weekly Maths task and a Literacy task to complete. Where possible, Maths tasks will be graded with the star challenge, and children will choose which tasks they would like to take home to complete. There will be a weekly spelling test based on the spelling patterns and the words they expected to learn for their year. Spellings will be given out weekly for your children to practise at home.

In addition to weekly homework, we expect all children to:

- read daily (with an adult or independently)
- practise times tables, with division facts in a mixed order, up to  $12 \times 12$

### AK Star Badges

Every child in the school has been allocated a special star badge to recognise good learning behaviours. Your child is working towards earning their badge, so please support them in this challenge.

To be awarded their badge by Mrs Saville, they need to demonstrate the following:

- regular use of Mathematics;
- regular home reading;
- listening well;
- not talking over others;
- challenging themselves;
- perseverance;
- making good learning choices;
- independent learning;
- trying their best with spellings;
- being ready to learn.

### General Reminders...

- This term Year 5's PE sessions will be on Thursday afternoon and Year 6's sessions will be Friday afternoon. It is essential that children **come to school in a full, labelled PE kit** in school, including a water bottle. If appropriate, your child may have a roll-on antiperspirant deodorant in their PE bag too (no aerosols please). **Children are to wear the PE kits to school with dark tracksuit bottoms and their school jumper on the day they have PE.**
- **Forest School sessions** timetabled between September and Christmas:  
Year 5: Wednesday 9th September, Tuesday 6th October, Tuesday 10th November, Wednesday 16th December  
Year 6: Tuesday 8th September, Wednesday 30th September, Tuesday 3rd November, Tuesday 15th December  
Please send your child to school with appropriate outdoor clothing for these lessons.  
Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Mrs O'Neill & Miss Thomas

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Year 6</b>
<b>Themes</b>	Journey to Life in all its fullness "Under the same sky" Journey to the River Sea	Journey to Life in all its fullness "Under the same sky" Journey to the River Sea
<b>Christian Value</b>	Value in focus: Thankfulness	Value in focus: Thankfulness
<b>English</b>	Poetry Diary Character descriptions Biographies Narrative	Poetry Diary Character descriptions Biographies Narrative
<b>Maths</b>	Place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and Division (Y5) Prime Numbers (Y5) Statistics (Y5)	Place value Addition and subtraction Fractions (Y6)
<b>Science</b>	Science investigation skills Electricity Humans and Other Animals adaption	Science investigation skills Electricity Humans and Other Animals adaption
<b>Computing</b>	E-safety – social media (Thinkuknow) Technology in our lives	E-safety – social media (Thinkuknow) Technology in our lives
<b>Music</b>	Charanga Reading music	Charanga Reading music
<b>R.E.</b>	How far would a Sikh go for their religion? Incarnation: was Jesus the Messiah?	Do beliefs in Karma, Samsara and Moksha help Hindus lead good lives? Incarnation: was Jesus the Messiah? Digging deeper.
<b>Art &amp; Design</b>	God's eye wool and lollipop stick craft Model housing Sustainable housing in the Amazon Art specialist (sculpture)	Art specialist (sculpture) Model housing Sustainable housing in the Amazon
<b>P.E.</b>	Games with Mr Tanner	Games with Mr Tanner
<b>P.H.S.C.E.</b>	E safety Link to Under the same sky Environmental education	E safety Link to Under the same sky Environmental education
<b>French</b>	Y5 Numbers to 100	Y6 School
<b>Topic</b>	Why is the Amazon Rainforest important? Why is Spanish spoken in South America?	Why is the Amazon Rainforest important? Why is Spanish spoken in South America?
<b>SMSC development</b>	Under the same sky	Under the same sky
<b>Other Dates</b>	<b>Forest School-</b> Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November, Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Forest School-</b> Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September, Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November, Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December