#### **English and Reading**

Our focus for this half term is a fictional text called 'Journey to the River Sea'.

Through this adventurous text the children will be enhancing their skills on the following: narratives, recounts, using dialogue, letters, balanced arguments, selecting appropriate vocabulary and newspaper reports.

When reading, the children will have the opportunity to make predictions, read and retrieve information, as well as using evidence from the text to justify their answers and take on character roles.

## History/Geography- Amazing Americas

In this unit, children will first find out about the continents of North and South America, and the countries that form them.

They will also look in more detail at some of the contrasting regions of the Americas, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations of each area.

In our class text, Maia travels to the Amazon Rainforest so we will be learning all about rainforests. We will also be learning about how human changes affect the Amazon Rainforest and the Borneo Rainforest.

## <u>French</u>

The children will be revising core key vocabulary for French. They will revise the days of the week, numbers, months of the year and salutations.

### Maths

This half term we will be focussing on completing the Year 5 maths curriculum.

We will start off by working on place value up to 1000000.

The children will work on all 4 operations.

We will be converting between units of measure and between metric and imperial.

We will then be finding and comparing equivalent fractions.

## Art- American Art

As part of this unit, the children will be learning about artists from Central and South America and will explore how art is created as well as the different formats it is produced in.

They will create dream catchers, picture puzzles and stained glass window collages- all focused on the theme of the Amazon.

Alongside this, in Design Technology the children will be learning about boats and using this information to design and make their own boat, like the Arabella which Maia travels on through the River Sea. The question is: will they successfully float?

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# Science- Living Things and Their Habitats

During this unit, the children will learn about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. They will learn about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus. The children will also have the opportunity to design their own 'curious creature' and classify it based on its characteristics. Finally, the children will put their learning into practice by creating a field guide to the living things in the local area.

## Religious Education (R.E)

This unit enables to children to reflect on emotions and feelings linked to celebration and loss and investigate key beliefs and concepts in Christianity and Islam connected to birth, growing up, marriage and death.

# Computing- Internet Safety

After a long period of children having to rely on technology and the internet, we thought it was important to start the year by recapping and revising internet safety. We will be revising how to stay safe online, safe apps to use and responsible use of the internet.

# Physical Education (P.E)- Gymnastics

The children will take part in non-contact gymnastic lessons. The children will perform a variety of floor movements. The children will learn stag leaps, dive forward rolls, hurdle steps into cartwheels and round-offs while developing their understanding of the necessary flexibility, strength and control needed to perform the movements successfully.