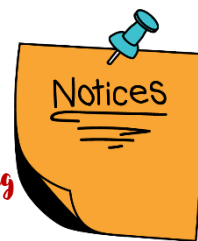




# Goldcrest Class



Here is the next instalment of our half-termly class newsletter detailing some of the exciting things that we have planned for the months ahead.

## 100 Books to Read Before You Leave Year 6

This half-term we are relaunching our '100 books to read before you leave Year 6' initiative. All children will be challenged to read as many titles from this list in a two-year period. The books have been carefully selected to represent a wide range of authors, genres and time periods.

Once a book has been read, pupils will be asked to write a recommendation for their peers, summarising the text and explaining what they as a reader enjoyed about it. For every five books that pupils read, they will be awarded with a certificate.

## The Amazon Rainforest

Children will be exploring the Amazon rainforest in Topic this half term. Pupils will discover what wildlife and vegetation thrive in this biome, and how to locate it on a world map. By the end of the unit, children will be able to identify how and why the Amazon Basin is under threat and understand the role the Amazon river plays in our world. This knowledge will be displayed in a non-chronological report.

## English

Our focus text for this half-term is 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. This award-winning book tells the story of four children who are stranded in the Amazon rainforest and their plight to survive. Pupils will be immersed in a range of reading, speaking and listening and writing opportunities, which will culminate in a piece of narrative writing.

## Maths

In the run-up to the KS2 SATs in May, we have made the decision to regroup the Year 5 and 6 pupils based on their ability. This is to facilitate the teaching and learning needs within each group. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

## Diary Dates & Reminders

**19.01.24** – Warsop Library visit: 1:15-2:15pm  
*Please remember to bring your library card and library books to school.*

**01.02.24** – SATs information meeting (Year 6 parents): 3:15pm

**06.02.24 & 07.02.24** – Parents evening (more information to follow)

**28.02.24 – 17.07.24** – Year 5 will be going swimming on Wednesday afternoons (more information to follow)

**15.03.24** – Bring Your Grown-up to School: 2pm

## Home Learning Reminders

### Reading at Home

There has been a decline in the number of children reading at home over recent months. There is an expectation that pupils read five times a week and that this is recorded in their reading diary. Pupils do not need to read to an adult unless they require specific direction (are not fluent readers).

### Homework

Children will be assigned homework on a Monday and are expected to complete and return this on the following Friday. Year 5 students will have two pieces (one Maths and one English) and Year 6 will have three pieces in the run-up to SATs (one Maths, one Reading and one Grammar). Just a reminder that pupils also have a TT Rockstars account for times tables practice and SATs Companion (Year 6) for revision.