

PE

Our first PE unit this half term will be '**Athletics**', which we will be starting next week. Our lessons are on **Mondays** and **Fridays**, so please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school on these days. This week we had fun joining in with the 'Joe Wicks School Workout' and running the Golden Mile!!!

Art and Design Technology

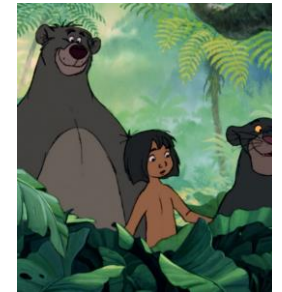
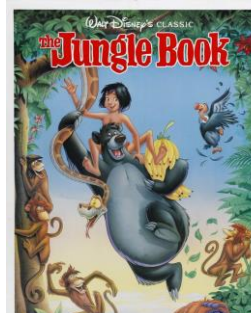
The children have already done some super sketches of creatures typically found in the Indian Jungle, which is where the Jungle Book is set. We are now going to move onto using oil pastels and exploring ways of forming different 3D textures in our artwork. In D&T, we will be designing our 'man villages!'

Autumn 1 Newsletter: Jungle Book themed Big Idea

The children have settled in well into Year 5 and are getting used to our routines. We are all very excited by our first Big Idea which is a Book Study of Rudyard Kipling's **The Jungle Book**. We have two end goals for this Big Idea! One is *to design a new character for the story* and the second is *to design a new man village for Mowgli*. We have begun reading the text and we are enjoying learning about the characters in more detail and basing our English writing on them too.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to come in and see us but we hope to see lots of you after school on **Friday 27th September** when we invite you to come and have a look around Year 5 and meet us properly.

Many thanks for your support,
Mrs Gibson & Mrs Hunt (5GH), Miss Hunter (5H) and Mrs Goulden (TA)



Music

The children will have a Music lesson on a Wednesday morning with Mrs Woolgar.



Languages

The children will have a Languages lesson on a Wednesday morning with Miss Lupton, they will start the year continuing to learn French.

English

Writing

Character Descriptions - The children will be writing descriptions of The Jungle Book's characters before creating their own character to describe.

Non-chronological report - We will be revising the key features of report writing and producing our own report about the Indian Jungle after lots of super research using our Chrome books!

SPAG

Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar will continue to be a key focus of our English teaching. We will focus heavily on the use of synonyms to enrich our writing further, i.e. lots of thesaurus action as well as learning the Year 5&6 *Common Exception Words* (a list of these will be given out on the 27.9.18.)

Reading

Each Monday and Thursday the children will partake in reading and comprehension activities. We will always check your child's reading record on one of these days to see what they have been enjoying reading at home.

The Jungle Book!

Learning Out of School and at Home

School Visits

We are currently planning our trips for the autumn term and are hoping to visit *Tropical World* to enhance our understanding of habitats. Further details to follow! The children also raised almost £400 with their Summer Enterprise activities so we'd like them to choose what they'd like to spend the money on as we've replenished our reading bookshelves now. Again, details to follow!

Homework

Please support your child's learning at home by; practising spellings, making sure your child is reading every day and recording what they have read in their yellow reading record, ensuring children complete additional work sent home and practising times tables daily. Maths/English homework will be set each Wednesday to be handed in the following Wednesday. Spelling homework will be set each Monday to be handed in the following Monday.

Geography

The children will develop their use of geographical knowledge, understanding and skills to enhance their locational and place knowledge with particular focus on Indian Jungles in comparison to Rainforests!

Computing

As well as specific Computing sessions, each Year 5 child has also been designated their own Chrome book! So we are going to produce our work both in written and typed form as well as accessing educational

Maths

The children have begun the year by learning more about place value and reviewing arithmetic knowledge. We will move onto practising our methods of addition and subtraction and Problem Solving (Mastery in Maths) will be a continual focus.

The children will complete daily mental maths activities as well as using Number Gym to revise and improve their recall of all times tables.

Science

Our Jungle Book Big Idea lends itself nicely to our '*living things and their habitats*' objectives so we will be describing the differences in life cycles of various Jungle creatures and also describing the life process of reproduction in some Jungle plants and animals!

