



# Weekly Curriculum News

## ! INFORMATION & REMINDERS

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the ARE evenings last week. If you were unable to attend and would like to meet with your child's class teacher please email the teacher directly to arrange a convenient time.

Remember on Wednesday 28th October we have our trip to the Shanghai History Museum as part of our IPC topic Existing, Endangered... Extinct. Please make sure your child has returned their permission slip by Monday to their class teacher. On the day please make sure all children bring a water bottle and snack.

All children should now have collected their iPad. Please download the apps suggested for Monday. All the children are very excited about using the iPads to help their learning.

Assessment Workshops for Parents: Tuesday 17th November; 9am to 11am and then repeated from 5pm to 7pm.



## ENGLISH

Next week in English, we will revisit the use of different types of clauses to reinforce prior learning from last week. Using relative clauses within sentences and distinguishing between main and subordinate clauses will be our focus. To add to the list of punctuation already being used, Year 5 will familiarise themselves with the use of dashes. Identifying the purpose and using dashes in sentences to mark boundaries between main clauses will be the key learning objectives that will be tackled. Towards the end of the week, the children will practise their note taking skills to retrieve animal facts. They will then use the information to write a report ensuring the use of relative clauses and dashes are evident, which will be our primary focus.



## MATHEMATICS

Next week in Maths, we will continue our work on Geometry. Drawing and identifying angles on a straight line will be a focus at the start of the week which will enable children to classify specific angles more accurately. The children will be applying their mental Maths skills through varied activities and utilising their understanding of number operations. Also, the children will review their prior knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes and we will correct any misconceptions related to prisms. Several planned activities will allow the children to share their skills based on the properties of shapes.



## TOPIC

We are nearing the end of our fantastic topic 'Existing . . . Endangered . . . Extinct?' This week we have a trip to the Natural History Museum, which we are very excited about!

As Scientists we will be researching friendly micro-organisms, in particular fungi and mould in the soil, which break down rotting organisms and release nutrients back into the soil.

As Technologists we will be designing a compost bin. The children will be sketching their designs on paper and discussing the advantages and disadvantages of their design. The children will work in groups and construct a compost bin. If you have any recyclable materials at home such as plastic bins or buckets, or plastic bags please bring them into school!

As Internationally minded citizens we will be investigating how the lives of people in one country are affected by the activities of other countries or groups. We will explore ways in which people work together for mutual benefit.