



Newsletter

Yes we can

2016/17

24th February 2017

LETTER FROM THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCHOOL STANDARDS

We are very pleased to share with you this letter from Nick Gibbs, Minister of State for School Standards, commending the school on the progress the children make. It is our vision at Henry Fawcett that with the right opportunities and the best education possible every child can succeed and fulfil their potential. Our committed staff team work very hard to ensure all pupils have the best possible future.



Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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Dear Mrs Eckford,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils for the very high level of progress pupils in your school are making.

Your school's results, as published on 15 December, show that your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England in terms of the progress your pupils make between key stage 1 and the end of key stage 2 in English reading, writing and mathematics.

We want to ensure that every child has the necessary fluency in reading, writing and mathematics to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for your hard work and professionalism in producing such high standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP

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Year 5

Term 4 2016/17

Learning for this term

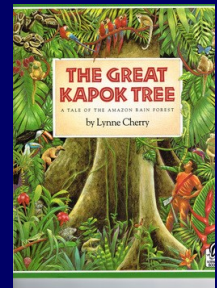
Topic

This term Year 5 will have the opportunity to learn about Brazil and The Amazon Rainforest. In geography the children will be using maps, developing an understanding of the physical characteristics of Brazil and finding out more about deforestation. They will also be visiting the wonderful Kew Gardens to experience what it would really be like to be in the rainforest.



Literacy:

Our Literacy work this term will be inspired by *The Great Kapok Tree* by Lynne Cherry. This book has beautiful illustrations and explores the theme of deforestation in The Amazon Rainforest. The children will be writing fact files about animals from the Rainforest, descriptions of the setting and persuasive texts surrounding the themes.



Maths:

Year 5 will be working on using formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division to solve maths problems. They will be provided with lots of opportunities to use their reasoning skills in a range of different contexts.

Science:

This term Year 5 will be learning about materials and their properties. They will be carrying out experiments to investigate the properties and changing states of solids, liquids and gases. We will also visit the science museum.

Date	Event
28th February and 1st March	Parents Evening
8th March	Book Fair
9th March	Key Stage 2 Film Night
7th March	Visit to the science museum

Trips

Year 5 have again been on lots of wonderful exciting trips. They visited Westminster Abbey and The Tower of London to find out more about life in The Tudor Period. Leanna, Ringgold Class, commented that The Tower of London was her favourite trip because she felt like she had stepped back in time!



World Book Day

A reminder that Thursday 2nd March is world book day. Year 5 should dress as characters from *The Great Kapok Tree*. We look forward to seeing lots of creatures from The Amazon and some bright carnival colours!