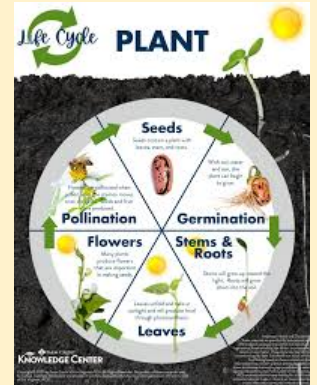


Riverside Primary School  
Curriculum Newsletter for Families:  
June 2026

Upper Key Stage Two - Year 5/6

This half term our theme is...

# All Creatures Great and Small



We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you can support their learning at home.

### What are we learning during this theme?

We will be continuing our engaging theme, All Creatures Great and Small, through which children will explore animals, their habitats, as well as light and electricity in science.

In RE, we will be learning how Hindus make sense of the world, developing an understanding of different beliefs and perspectives.

In DT, children will take part in a practical project to design and make a mobile phone carrier, using a range of materials and applying their sewing skills.

In computing, we will be learning about networking and how systems connect and communicate.

In music, children will be rehearsing and performing our Year 6 production of *"Rapunzel And The Barbershop Bros"*. Alongside this, they will explore the question: *How does music connect us with the environment?*

Our class reader this half term will be *Darwin's Dragons* by Lindsay Galvin, supporting discussion and engagement with our wider curriculum.

In PSHE, we will be completing our RSHE sessions. These will be taught in separate year groups, and a letter will be sent home outlining the content covered. Year 5 will focus on puberty, while Year 6 will explore puberty, relationships and conception. As part of our No Outsiders programme, we will be reading *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell, where children will learn to exchange dialogue, express their opinions, and understand that there are different perspectives on equality around the world.

In geography, children will explore the physical and human geography of Japan and compare it to the United Kingdom, developing their understanding of similarities and differences between countries.

## Trips, Visitors and Experiences

We have such an exciting final half-term ahead

- 'Moving-on-day' to new secondary schools 26th June
- Sports day - 1st July
- Year 6 production - 8th July
- Year 6 graduation - 17th July 9:30am

You can also find more information about our learning on our Medium Term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website:

<https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>

## How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading 5 times a week for at least 20 minutes (this must be noted in reading diaries with a parent's signature), spelling practice and either writing or maths homework. In addition to this, please find some suggestions below on how to support your child's learning.

### Days out and things to do:

If you haven't had a chance to visit these wonderful places, they are still useful places to go for this half term's work.

Visit Colchester zoo  
[Colchester Zoo](#)

Visit Paradise Wildlife Park  
[Paradise Wildlife Park](#)

The Natural History Museum  
[Natural History Museum](#)

### Books to read

Everything All at Once by Steve Camden



Go Big: The Secondary School Survival Guided by Matthew Burton



Being Miss Nobody by Tamsin Winter



Carter Lake by Jennier Killick



There are more books to help the transition to secondary school here: [Book Lists for Topics - Year 6 Transition](#)

### Things to watch:

This half term, the films to watch are all based on school and transition to secondary school.

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Akeelah and the Bee



Diary of a Wimpy Kid

