

# Welcome to Unit 1

## Natural world

Dear Parent/Care-giver,

Your child is about to start **Unit 1** of their English course book *Learning Lands 5*. The title of the unit is *Natural world*.

In this unit, your child will learn:

- **Vocabulary:** Natural features and words to describe natural features
  - *rainforest, grasslands, desert, ocean, canyon, path, stream, coast, valley, coral reef, sand dune, volcano*
  - *grassy, sandy, muddy, rocky, steep, flat*
- **Grammar:** How to ask and answer about interrupted past actions
  - *I was collecting water when I saw an eagle.*
  - *Where were you going when the sandstorm started?*
- **Social and Emotional Learning:** Relationship skills: Recognising the strengths in others
- **Multi-literacy skills:**
  - Information literacy: Identify features of a website
  - Visual literacy: Recognise additional information gained through video
- **Speaking:** How to show interest
- **Writing:** How to structure a story

The vocabulary and grammar in Unit 1 are introduced in the Amazing Exchange Club monthly project, and the fable *The ants and the grasshopper*.

The multi-literacy texts for this unit are a web page and video about extraordinary animals.

Speaking and writing are also explored in Unit 1 through a video for speaking and a model text for writing alongside tasks that support and build your child's confidence.

Finally, if your child will be taking an external exam in the future, they will practise for this by completing the practice material that accompanies the course.

The *Learning Lands Pupil's App* on Navio provides further reinforcement and review of the Unit 1 content through a range of game-based practice activities. Your child can work independently on these activities at home with or without your support. Their results are saved in a Progress Tracker which is accessible to their teachers. To access these activities, please use the access code which can be found in the front of the Pupil's Book.

I hope that you and your child enjoy this unit and the whole course.

With best wishes,

Class English teacher