Year 5 Reading and Writing Focus Tasks

We do not expect you to complete every task on the sheet, but of course you can if you wish!

Reading-Linked Tasks

1) Vocabulary – Before you watch the clip, can you describe this image using powerful adjectives?

2) Look at the next image and think about the two words 'toxic' and 'uninhabitable'. Make a **prediction** about what the video is going to be about. Can you predict a one-word title for the clip? Remember to justify your prediction using the word 'because' to explain what you have seen that influences your title.

3) Now watch the clip … https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GBGDmin_38E&t=184s

Watch for a second time, listening particularly to the key vocabulary mentioned. After, write a list of as many facts as you can recall from the video.

4) Can you summarise the video clip in 50 words or less?
(TIP: Remember the skills we have learnt during PALs in school .. name the most important who or what, and the most important things about the who or what!)

Writing Tasks

5) Play the video from 1 minute to 2 minutes and 10 seconds. Observe all the creatures that live on Pandora. Choose one to focus on and write a **character description**. Remember to include lots of expanded noun phrases and prepositions, as well as conjunctions to extend your sentences.

	Definition	Example
Expanded noun phrase	A noun that has been expanded by adding one or more adjectives before it.	This beetle has **six, jointed legs**, which carry it across the ground at an **impressive pace.**
Preposition	Tells you when or where something is in relation to something else (the position of something!)	**On top of** the beetles broad abdomen lies a thick exoskeleton.

6) Write a **setting description** of Pandora's landscape. Make sure you include some figurative language features such as: similes, metaphors, personification and hyperboles. As a challenge, can you use fronted adverbials and relative clauses? Here are some examples:

Relative clause	Pandora's toxic atmosphere, **which is highly noxious and deadly to humans**, makes the planet uninhabitable without specialist equipment.
Fronted adverbial clause	**Located in Alpha Centauri system over 4.4 light years from Earth**, Pandora orbits the gas giant Polythemus.

7) Imagine you have been sent on a mission to Pandora. Write a diary entry to describe your thoughts and feelings before and during your journey. Include a range of sentence types and a variety of punctuation (brackets for parenthesis, semi-colons, rhetorical questions, exclamation marks).