



# Year 5 Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2023-24

## **Welcome back to Spring Term!**

This term sees the start of Miss Darby's teaching practice, so the children will benefit from having two teachers in the room this term!

We want to congratulate all children, because they are really starting to settle into the expectations of Y5 and they are setting a great example with their behaviour so far.

Well done!

Please remember that whilst it is 'spring term', it is still chilly! Warm coats are essential every day.

Please also remember that pe kit should be plain dark bottoms, a white t-shirt, and a plain dark jumper or hoody. School jumpers and cardigans are also fine.

## **Maths**

In maths, the children will be consolidating their understanding of multiplication and division, learning about graphs and charts, and calculating area and perimeter.

## **Topic**

Our topic is Brazil! Children will learn about world biomes and climate zones, layers of the rainforest, creatures of the rainforest and be immersed into the Amazon jungle through a range of exciting, adventurous, wonderful books!

## **Homework and reading**

In Y5, children are given homework and spellings to learn. These will go out on a Friday and are due in on a Wednesday. Spelling tests are on a Thursday morning.

We ask for children to read five times each week for 20 minutes and write it in their reading record. This will be checked on a Wednesday and golden tickets given for the number of reads. Golden tickets are pulled out to win a prize.

These expectations are vital in preparing children for Y6 and their transition to secondary school. We ask that you support your children in meeting these expectations.

If they are struggling with homework, please ask your child to come to Miss Darby and Mrs Bennison at playtime on Monday when we will be available to help.

## **English**

In English, the children will be working on non-chronological reports about rainforest creatures and writing a character description about it. They will work on making sure the structure, grammar and punctuation is correct and the tone is formal in their non-chronological reports. With their setting descriptions, children will use different figurative language techniques.

## **P.E.**

Year 5 pupils will have PE twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Please come to school wearing the correct PE kit on those days.

On Tuesdays, children learn to play Badminton, and on Friday they have a shorter session with traditional playground games and activities.

