



Year 5 Newsletter Spring 1 2020



Happy New Year! I hope everybody has had a lovely Christmas break. I am excited to welcome you all back.

Maths

This term we will be starting back with area, using our knowledge of multiplication. We will then be moving on to fractions, building on prior knowledge from year 4 and taking it further with adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators and multiplying proper and mixed fractions by whole numbers.

English

We have now finished the international yeti collective and are moving on to 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. This new text will provide us with lots of writing opportunities. Through this text we will be looking at a range of poetic styles, persuasive writing, letter writing, and narrative writing to name a few of our writing opportunities.

Homework

Homework is handed out on a Tuesday and needs to be returned back to school no later than the following Monday. The children will be given a spelling task and their math may vary between activities online (sumdog and TT Rockstars) or an arithmetic task. Please ensure that homework is handed in on time to ensure it can be marked and have the new homework stuck in books. Homework club is also available on a Monday at lunch time.

Geography/Science

In Geography this term, our topic is South America, with the focus of Brazil. We will be using maps and atlases to explore the location of the country, the internet will help us to research and give us an insight into what life might be like for a Brazilian child. Our science topic, which we will be starting towards the end of this half term and continuing with in Spring 2, is all about life process of plants and mammals. This links quite nicely to our geography topic as we have an opportunity to explore plants and animals that inhabit the Amazon Rainforest.

Communication

Class dojo is a useful tool to get in touch and keep up with what has been taking place in year 5. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to message using the app.

If you would prefer to speak face to face, please feel free to come and grab me at the beginning or the end of the school day. I will be outside the Y5 area.

Please follow our twitter to keep up with all the fun and exciting activities. You can find the link here: <https://twitter.com/BradleygreenY5>

How you can help

Maths – You can access www.sumdog.com and TT Rockstars for fun ways to help your child – both have the same log in. There are regular competitions and opportunities for us to be top of the Sumdog Tameside league.

PE – We will be continuing swimming on a Tuesday morning at Ashton swimming baths. This will continue until April. Year 5 will also be having PE with the gymnastics coach on a Wednesday afternoon so please make sure the children have the appropriate kit on these days.

HOMEWORK – Homework goes home on Tuesday and needs to be back in school the following Monday. Dojos are awarded to those who show that they have worked hard and presented their homework neatly. Children are expected to present their homework neatly – all maths in pencil and to use a ruler when underlining.

SPELLINGS: We will be completing spelling and grammar activities at the start of every afternoon as well as focusing on them in our homework, as it is important to remember that **knowledge is power!**

