



# Year 5 Newsletter Spring 2 2020

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all had an exciting time with your families and it has been lovely to see the children come back so happy and eager to learn!

## Maths

This term we have continued with our fractions block, following the White Rose planning. We will be looking at simplifying fractions, and completing calculations with fractions.

It is important that your child is practicing their times tables. The children know themselves that they are an important piece of knowledge to have in the majority of their maths topics. You could do this at home through TT Rockstars or playing times tables games as a family. If you require any ideas or help please come and see me and I can help you further 😊

## English

This half-term we will be continuing to read 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. The children have really been enjoying joining Fred on his journey as well as challenges through the Amazon rainforest. We have lots of exciting writing opportunities from newspaper articles to poetry, which I am sure the children will love. 'The Explorer' also links well with our geography topic of South America with our focus of Brazil.



Please make sure children are reading at home whether this be their reading book or just reading for pleasure and write this in their reading journals. This will help children massively in being a writer and an author at school.

## Science

In science, we will be continuing with our topic of 'living things and their habitats'. We will be continuing to explore and compare different life cycles as well as taking cuttings and conducting our own experiments with plants. This links well with science week which begins on 6<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March.

## Communication:

You can see our learning and progress on our twitter and class dojo page. If you have any concerns or worries please feel free to contact me via class dojo or catch me outside the year 5 and 6 area after school.

The link to our class twitter page and other useful links can be found below:

<https://twitter.com/BradleygreenY5>

[www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com)

<https://ttrockstars.com/login>

## How you can help

**Maths** – You can access [www.sumdog.com](http://www.sumdog.com) for fun ways to help. We will be developing our understanding of place value, fractions and more formal written methods and how to identify which operation is required in word problems.

**Geography** – Our geography topic this half term is still South America. We are continuing to focus on Brazil. We will also be linking this to our art topic of painting and collage.

**PE** – Our PE sessions will be on a Wednesday and Friday this half-term. Wednesday will be with the sports coach and Friday will be outdoors with myself. Please make sure children are bring the appropriate clothing with them and following the jewelry policy.

**HOMEWORK** – Homework goes home on Tuesday and needs to be back in school the following Monday. Children are expected to present their homework neatly – all maths in pencil and to use a ruler when underlining. All the children are very keen to be chosen for homework of the week, so homework in on time and fully completed is a must.

Lunchtime homework club runs during Monday lunch break for those who do not complete their homework in time.

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