

# Year 5 Newsletter Summer 1

April 2021



Hello and welcome back after our Easter break. We hope everyone has had a lovely rest and made the most of the lovely weather we have had. It has been great to have some 'normality' filtering back in to our lives; being able to see loved ones, friends, visit parks, the zoo, able to eat out, catch up and more. Last half-term the children blew us away with their resilience, hard work and determination and we cannot wait for this to continue as we move in to the final term of the year.

We are excited for everything that is yet to come this half-term. We have some fantastic learning opportunities from bringing our experience with the chicks to life in the classroom to venturing off to Brazil through our new class text 'The Explorer'.

For our Summer term, we are going to be exploring Brazil through our geography topic. The children will be learning where Brazil is in the world, as well as locating it on a map of South America. They will be understanding the climate of Brazil and how this is linked to its relation to the equator. As well as this, the children will be identifying key physical and human features alongside looking at current issues such as deforestation. The children will be investigating fair trade and understanding how it affects farmers in Brazil as well as linking to the farmers in the UK and much more, how exciting!

In Science, we will be continuing with looking at plants and animals. We will be focusing on the life cycles of different animals and comparing the different gestation periods. We loved having the opportunity to have chicks in year 5 to bring our learning to life. We were amazed with how quickly they grew and the children were fascinated with the hatching process. It will be interesting to delve deeper in to this with our science lessons.

PE this half-term will be rounders, which we are sure the children are going to love. Please can we ask that all children come in PE uniform on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Also, can PE jumpers have names in so that if the children take the jumper off it is easily found as we had a couple of cases of jumpers being lost last half-term.

**Reading at home:** Reading at home is so important for reading ability, supporting spellings and writing and more! Please can we ask that children are frequently reading at home and this is written in their reading records. Even if the book that has been read isn't a school book, that is perfectly fine, write that in too. Mrs. Relton loves being able to change books and we both love to see what the children are reading at home.

Class dojo is also a great way to keep up to date with the learning the children have been doing in school as well as important notices. We also have our class twitter page and the Y5 digital leaders page ☺

As always, if any parents have any questions, concerns, and queries please use class dojo to contact me and myself or Mrs. Relton will be outside with the children after school from 3pm if you do need us.

Class twitter:- @BradleyGreenY5

Digital leaders: @BGDDigitalLead

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Booth and Mrs. Relton

## How you can help

**MATHS** – Following from our fractions unit, we will be moving on to fractions, decimals and percentages this half-term before we look in closer detail at decimals. As our Bradley Green ethos is 'knowledge is power' we will be re-visiting prior learning daily through our morning tasks, flash back 4s before our math lesson as well as daily counting and times tables. Useful games/activities to support the children with basic skills can be found on [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) and TTRockstars.

**ENGLISH** – Our class text this term is all based on our geography topic Brazil. It is called The Explorer by Katherine Rundell.



**PE** – PE is on a **Wednesday** (with the sports coach) and **Thursday** afternoon (with Mrs. Relton). Please ensure that your child comes in in their PE uniform, more details about this can be found on class dojo but our kit consists of a white t-shirt with black shorts/jogging bottoms, PE hoodie and black trainers. Also, no earrings on these days please.

**HOMEWORK** – Homework will resume the first week back. It needs to be in on **Monday** and will be marked as well as handed back out on **Wednesday**. Please can I ask that homework is completed in **pencil** unless your child has a pen license. Maths should always be completed in pencil. Dojos will be given for handing homework in on time, for trying hard and good presentation ☺