

# Year 5 Newsletter Summer 2

June 2021



Hello and welcome back. We hope everyone has had a lovely break to rest, re-charge and catch up with friends. It has definitely helped that there has been some sunshine, it seems to make everything better and means we can get outside more.

We are excited to welcome the children back and hit the ground running this half-term. We are continuing with our geography topic of Brazil, our class text is the same too. Our science topic this half-term investigates animals including humans, where we will be looking at how our bodies change as we grow older and looking at each stage in some detail.

For our Summer term, we are going to be continuing exploring Brazil through our geography topic. So far, we have looked at the countries which belong to South America and the different time zones there. We have also began to understand the term 'deforestation' and what it means to us. The children have already produced some powerful information posters, which they are going to bring to life through the use of technology, we can't wait! We are also going to be looking at fair trade and how it affects Brazil but also farmers here in the UK. This topic lends lovely to our text in English that we are continuing: The Explorer by Katherine Rundell. The children have loved learning about Fred, Con, Lila and Max as they find their way through the Amazon rainforest after a terrible plane crash. This half-term we are going to produce poems, narratives, newspaper reports and even a review!

In Science, we will be start our new topic of animals including humans. This is where we will describe the similarities and difference in life cycles of mammals, insects, amphibians and birds. We will also be focusing on the life cycles of humans and the changes we go through up to old age.

PE this half-term will be hockey. Please make sure that your child comes in PE uniform on Wednesdays. Swimming will be continuing on a Thursday so please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform but has their swimming kit with them.

**Staggered start and finish times:** - Our start and finish time remain the same. We start at 8:40am and finish at 3:00pm. If you have another child in school please drop off at the earliest and pick up at the latest time. If your child is going to be walking down to the bottom or walking home or someone else picking up, please let us know by dojo or phoning the office so that we can be prepared for the end of the day. We cannot let children go without knowing from an adult.

**Reading at home:** We mentioned this half-term but we feel it is important to say again. 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. If you do have any questions, concerns, queries about anything, class dojo is the best way to contact us. For our learning, we also have our class twitter page and the Y5 digital leader's page ©.

Class twitter:- @BradleyGreenY5

Digital leaders: @BGDigitalLead

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Booth and Mrs. Relton

## How you can help

**MATHS**- We are continuing with our decimals topic this half-term before moving on to shape. We will also be doing our daily times tables and counting to re-cap basic skills. There are some really useful, helpful, fun games on [www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk) such as hit the button that can help children. We also have access to TTRockstars and Sumdog too.

**READING** Our reading program of Lexia can be used at home using an ipad/laptop. The children do know their login details and we will be happy to send them via dojo too if needed. There is also getepic and Oxford Owl to do some out of school reading.

**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 swimming on a **Thursday** afternoon 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 ☺