



# Year 5 Curriculum Newsletter

## An Overview for Parents and Carers

### SPRING TERM 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for a brilliant start to the school year. As 2023 comes to an end, we have been looking ahead to what the spring term will bring. Our project will revolve around two questions; How is Brazil different to the United Kingdom? and Is deforestation always unnecessary? These both have a geographical theme therefore we will be exploring with maps and atlases.

Thank you again and we look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Best wishes,

Mr. Spicer & Ms. Griffiths

#### English

We will be kicking off Spring 1 with a Journey Tale in Talk for Writing. We have taken an extract from Eva Ibbotson's beautiful novel, 'A Journey to the River Sea' and will be focusing on setting description by drawing upon our knowledge of metaphors, similes and varying sentence openers, as well as introducing personification and using our senses.

In Spring 2, we will be working on 'Persuasion Texts' and this will be linked to our Geographical project about the continent of America, as well as Science, 'Living Things and Their Habitats'.

You can help at home by ensuring homework is completed on time. If you need any assistance with this, please do not hesitate to let us know.

#### Maths

In Maths, we'll be moving on to formal Multiplication and Division methods and then onto Fractions as well as Decimals and Percentages. Fluency sessions will continue three times a week.

You can help at home by practicing times tables regularly, including accessing Times Table Rock Star and revising place value, factors, prime numbers and square numbers as well as ensuring homework is completed on time.

#### Across The Curriculum

- Is Deforestation Always Unnecessary?
- How is Brazil different to the United Kingdom?

We will be studying the continent of America during this term's project, looking at human and physical features and drawing comparisons with our own country, starting with North America, then on to South America and focusing in on Brazil, which will link to our Science topic of Living Things and Their Habitats.

Continuing with our South American theme, the children will be covering Samba in their music lessons and also be exploring Neo-pop art inspired by Brazilian artist Romero Britto for Art.

In Computing, the children will be learning to code and to create their own website based on what they have learnt this term. We move on to Dreams and Goals in PSHE during Spring 1 where we look at aspirations for the future and in Spring 2, we cover the Healthy Me topic, looking at ways to keep ourselves healthy physically and mentally.

#### General Reminders

Swimming will be every Thursday from January 11<sup>th</sup> until March 21<sup>st</sup> and will replace our normal PE slot.

All school uniform and other belongings to be clearly labelled, please, to make sure belongings can be returned.

Please can reading records be at least signed by a parent/carer to acknowledge that children have read – our raffle will continue to take place every Friday morning.

Homework will be given out on a Monday and explained to the children in class. Our expectations are that this is to be completed and returned to school by the following Monday to be marked.

