

# Year 5 - Our Spring Term



## Welcome back and happy new year!

Welcome back to school and happy new year! Year 5 have made a great start to the Spring term, settling back quickly and enthusiastically into routines and learning.

We just wanted to point out the following important points. School for Year 5 starts at 8:50 am and ends at 3:20 pm.

Please remember that your child will need water and to have their PE kits on the days listed below.

## The Weekly Schedule

Music will be on Thursdays.

Ash class will have PE on Wednesday and Thursday.

Willow Class will have PE on Thursday.

Reading diaries are due on Tuesday and we will test spellings once a week.



## Our learning theme is...



# Journeys

## Dates for your Brookfield Diary

February 9<sup>th</sup> Young Shakespeare Performance

February 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Half term

March 8<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

March 12<sup>th</sup> Science Museum Trip

April 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

April 15<sup>th</sup> Summer Term begins

Don't miss a thing – you can view the school calendar on our website [here](#), and please read the weekly newsletter which is emailed to you every Friday

## Our learning in Literacy



This half term, we are reading *Fox* by Margaret Wild. After half term we will be doing a week of Shakespeare to link to the performance we will watch at the end of this half term. We will then be reading *The Goldfish Boy* by Lisa Thompson.

You might want to read these books at home.

We will be writing our own stories inspired by *Fox* and have already produced beautiful poems inspired by the Australian Outback.

Please continue to practise the weekly spellings at home.

## Our Wider Curriculum



As geographers we will be learning about the Amazon River and Rainforest. This will link to our DT topic, in which we will be making Arepas.

In PSHE we will be learning about money, including budgeting and taxes. Ash class will continue with their Zone Detectives workshops.

Here is an interesting video all about the Amazon Rainforest!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uSbLmlDM6c0>

## Our learning in Maths



We are continuing with our fractions topic, looking at adding and subtracting improper fractions with different denominators. We will also look at finding fractions of an amount.

If you would like to support your child at home, this video explains how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators. Maths with Mr. J is a helpful resource with several videos about fractions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XsW8HJutlgM>

## Key Learning Vocabulary

### Geography - the Amazon

Confluence  
River mouth  
Estuary  
Tributary  
Meander  
Floodplain  
Oxbow lake

### Science – forces

Gravity  
Air resistance  
Water resistance  
Friction  
Pulleys  
Levers  
Gears