

# Ellesmere Primary School

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## Spring Term - Year 5

Dear Parents/Carers

We have been extremely busy in year 5 getting our new topic underway. The children will be learning all about South America. We have already looked at the countries that make up South America and learnt how the map of the world is made up of lines of longitude and latitude. We have discussed the 'imaginary line' which is the equator and the tropics of Capricorn and Cancer. The children are now raring to go on their independent projects which they are excited to show case for you on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm.**



In Maths we have already begun to investigate fractions and how we can create equivalent fractions to enable us to compare and order them. Our Mathematics sessions will continue to develop the children's number sense; focusing on understanding and applying the four number operations, understanding the place value of numbers and developing our reasoning and problem solving skills. In English, we have already started our lessons using the story The Great Kapok Tree, the story is set in the Amazon rainforest and therefore links to our South America topic. We will also be producing letters to send to rainforest.org to persuade people to save the rainforests.

In Science we are kick starting the term looking at materials; the children thoroughly enjoy carrying out their own investigations and we have plenty planned for them to build their scientific knowledge.



### Parent workshops

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, we would like to invite you to our parent workshops, this half terms focus will be Maths and particularly looking at the four calculations. If you would like to pop in and see how these fit into the new curriculum in year 5 our doors will be open at 9am and again at 6pm.



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Children will continue to receive weekly homework. This will be set on a Friday and will consist of a spelling list, a piece of additional English work and an online maths activity. The maths activity will be through Mathletics. Please help your child to be prepared and give them a prompt to ensure they have their Homework Diary every Friday.

Keep encouraging your child to read daily. It is essential in both developing fluency and expression. Children should now be confident with all their times tables so should challenge themselves on TimesTable Rockstars to be the best pop star they can!



**Swimming & PE** – Istanbul and Moscow will have swimming on Tuesdays. Both classes have outdoor PE on Friday. Children should take responsibility for ensuring they have the required kit in school. It is suggested that children with earrings leave them out for that day.

**Water bottles** – children are allowed to have water bottles in class as it is good for them to keep hydrated throughout the day. However, they should only contain water: no juice please!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate in coming in to speak to us. Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss Stone & Miss O'Keefe

