

Dear Parents/Carers of Macaw class,  
Welcome to the new school year! We hope you all had a great break, and we're very happy to welcome you and your child into their new class. Our overall topic for the first half term is: Central and South America. Many aspects of the curriculum will be linked to this topic.

### English

The children will write their own adventure story based in the history and culture of the Maya civilisation. They will also write a diary from the perspective of the protagonist of *Holes*, our whole-class text.

### Maths

Our focus in Maths will be Number: determining place value, multiples of 1,000 up to 1,000,000, times tables and measurement.

### Science

We will be growing our knowledge of life processes and cycles for plants and animals. We will also be spending this term learning about and using the processes involved in computing and online collaboration.

### Art/Music/Dance/Drama

We will explore a variety of creative and expressive arts: we will be getting our dancing shoes on, delving into Latin American dance and having a go at the samba! In music, we're going to learn about rock music by listening to Bon Jovi's *Livin' On A Prayer*.

### History/Geography

This autumn term we will be learning about we will be looking at the Maya and the continent of South America, taking a turn as investigators of human and physical geography.

### PSHME

We will discuss and learn about respecting ourselves and others, focussing on our rights, discrimination and prejudice.

### RE

Year 5 will be learning about Islam, with a focus on Ramadan and Eid al-Fitr.

### ICT

Computing will have a focus on computer systems and how to collaborate online. We will also be looking at what makes healthy friendships, both in person and online.

### MFL

Children will revisit Spanish numbers and learn adjectives: colour and shape, and animals.

### P.E.

We will keep ourselves active and develop key movement and hand-eye co-ordination skills with weekly sessions of netball, basketball and the Daily Mile.

**Thank you for all your continued support!**

**From your Year 5 team: Ms Chin (Cassowary Class), Ms Lewis (Heron Class) and Mr Richardson (Macaw Class)**

Please read with your child every day at home (10-15 minutes) and where possible from a variety of texts.

Please ensure that their reading records, reading books and Me books come to school in book bags every day.

#### **Macaw PE days:**

Monday (indoor) & Wednesday (outdoor)

Please come to school wearing appropriate clothing for PE (trainers, leggings/shorts/tracksuit bottoms, t-shirt, sweatshirt or hoodie).

#### **Year 5 Home learning:**

We will post tasks onto Itslearning weekly. We encourage children to try their best and use this opportunity to show off their skills! It contains:

- A reading task on BugClub
- A maths task on Sumdog
- Spellings to practise

There will be a half termly project, due in the last week of the half term.

#### **Me Books**

We are also sending home a 'Me book' in which to complete weekly activities. There is a grid of nine activities to complete and you can choose which activity to complete each week. Of course, you are welcome to do all nine over this seven week half-term! We would like our children to bring in their Me books daily, and we will share our fabulous learning once a fortnight.

#### **Other Class Information:**

This term the children will have a visit for the history man to explore the Maya through an interactive workshop. We will also go into Lewisham to learn how to swim.

#### **Lost Property**

Children are encouraged to look after their belongings. If an item of clothing is found with no name on it, the item will be taken to lost property for the children to collect in the playground at the end of the day.

#### **Getting in Touch!**

If you have a question, concern or query, please email the office at [info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk](mailto:info@brindishegreen.lewisham.sch.uk) and your email will be forwarded to the relevant member of staff.