



# Abbey Meads Community Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year, and the first term of Year 5! It is so great to see all of the pupils back from the summer holidays. This term, our exciting topic is 'Amazon Explorers', where we will be learning about Brazil, the different animals that live in the rainforest, as well as the wonderful ecosystem that they are part of. Our class novel - 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell - will provide the opportunity to explore the creative language that can be used to describe this environment.

A main focus of this term's topic will be geography, where we will be finding out about Brazil and South America, along with the habitats that exist there. Science will also be an important subject, as the life cycles of various animals will be explored. With our English work, we will be writing free form poetry and a narrative opener, both taking inspiration from the class novel. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about some of the different creatures that live in the Amazon Rainforest.

In maths, we will be developing our knowledge and application of the place value of whole numbers up to 1,000,000. The pupils will also be recapping on multiplying and dividing by 6, 7 and 8, ready for their weekly times table tests. These will now incorporate the application of tables knowledge through the use formal written methods. Spelling and tables testing will be done on a Monday.

This year, we will continue to use the online app called Boom Reader to record the progress of the pupils as they read a variety of texts. The pupils' logins have been sent home in their spelling and tables folders. This digital reading record can be used by pupils, parents and teachers, and comments can be electronically logged. Also, the pupils will continue to use their Accelerated Reader accounts to help with their fluency and understanding of different texts, where they are able to complete quizzes after finishing each book.

Finally this term, Year 5 will be doing two PE sessions on a Monday and Wednesday. They will be having gymnastics lessons on Monday and dance lessons on Wednesday. Every Monday and Wednesday, please ensure the pupils come to school in their PE kits.

If you have any questions or concerns, please come and see us or contact us.

Mrs Healy and Mrs Rowe.



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