

# Year 5 Autumn Newsletter

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half-term break. The children have had a brilliant first half-term in Year 5 and should be very proud of how well they have learnt new routines and engaged with their learning.

Our topic this half term, we will continue to focus on the rainforests and what makes them such remarkable ecosystems. We will also be learning about the Kingdom of Benin, from its beginnings in the rainforests of West Africa through to its demise in 1897 when it was colonized by the British.

We will be continuing to use Class Dojo for the majority of our communications this year, so please do keep your eye out for any important dates and information. The run up to Christmas is usually a busy time of the year in school.

## The Year 5 Team

5T – Mr Thornton, Miss Maas & Mrs Milne

5B – Mr Barber, Mr Powley & Mrs Dix

5MP – Mrs Margetson (formally Teasdale), Mrs Pereira & Miss Halliday

5G – Miss Gray & Mrs Nori

If you need to speak to any of us, please don't hesitate to do so. While you may not recognise some of us yet, the children will and can point us out at the end of the school day if needed!



## Important Information

Parent Consultation Evenings: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> & Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November

### **PE Days:**

5T: Monday & Friday

5B: Monday & Thursday

5MP: Monday & Wednesday

5G: Wednesday & Thursday

The children need to arrive in school wearing their PE kit and will stay in it all day. Our PE kit is a white t-shirt, plain black shorts or jogging bottoms, trainers and a jumper as we head into the colder months (PE will be outdoors whenever possible).

## Reading at Home

Please encourage your child to continue to read a wide range of different texts at home. Fifteen minutes each day makes a huge difference to the children's learning and is never wasted time!

## Curriculum

An outline (curriculum map) of the learning in Year 5 will be sent home at the start of each half term. Some optional homework ideas will also be provided – please continue to share what you've been up to on Class Dojo as we love to see it.