**Year 5 Newsletter**

**An exciting Spring term ahead!**

After a relaxing break, the staff at Briscoe Lane are extremely excited to welcome their classes back for the new year. Year 5 is a busy year, which brings challenges but also fun, growth and confidence in every child’s learning!

**Curriculum**

As part of our exciting curriculum, we will be learning all about The Golden Age of Maya and Baghdad in History and in Science, we will be focusing on Biology – Animals including Humans. Our art & design lessons be linked to our science topic as we will be studying the human form and the artist Alberto Giacometti. In our writing lessons, we will begin by focusing on a book called ‘The Man Who Walked Between the Towers’, a true story about Phillipe Petit, a famous tightrope walker.

Briscoe Lane Academy has adopted a huge focus on reading and as such, book bags with reading books need to come into school every day with your child. We have an allocated DEAR time (Drop Everything and Read) every day, this is where the class teacher reads a novel to the class to widen their vocabulary, listening skills and literary experiences. We also have an hour of reading each morning and this lesson focuses on helping children to comprehend and use a range of reading features to unpick and explore a chosen class novel.

**Home learning**

At the start of term, each child in the class receives a reading book, which must be taken home and brought into school every day. To help support your child at home, we encourage parents to read with their child daily. Frequent reading will enable your child to increase their language fluency, comprehension skills and reading stamina and will help with all areas of the curriculum.

Homework for every child is to ensure they are reading with an adult at home **at least three times a week**. Reading diaries must be signed by an adult at home to confirm that your child has been read with. Your child will have access to our school library to enrich their reading for pleasure.

**General information**

This term, Year 5 will be taking part in Taekwondo lessons, every Tuesday. Please ensure your child brings a white tshirt and black or blue shorts to school for their PE kit.

Please ensure your child brings in appropriate trainers to wear for PE. For safety reasons, earrings must be removed or covered with a plaster, and long hair tied up.

If you have any concerns or need more information, please speak to the class teacher in the playground or ring the office to make an appointment.

All the Year 5 staff would like to give you all a warm welcome and look forward to a great year ahead.

**Assistant Principal UKS2: Mrs Buckley and Miss Shaw.**

**Year 5 teachers:**

5CS Miss Southon

5JCS Mrs Connor-Simpkins

5AC Mr Cooper

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