

*Widening Horizons, Raising Aspirations*

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**Year 5 and 6 Autumn Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to welcome back everyone and hope you have had an enjoyable summer break. Our staff have been working hard to ensure the classrooms and learning environment are ready for the children's return.

**YEAR 5**

**Year 5** will be starting our English lessons with Louis Sachar's fantastic book "There's a Boy in the Girls' Bathroom" to inspire our writing - we're sure the children will be telling you all about the main character - Bradley Chalkers - and what he gets up to! Our Science topic is properties and changes of materials including investigating dissolving, separating mixtures and reversible and irreversible changes. In Maths, we will be learning about numbers up to 1 million, then progressing to addition and subtraction. Each class will discover more about their respective Scientists and our main history topic is the 'The Tudors' where we will be looking at the impact the Tudors have had on England today. Computing lessons will be further developing computer programming skills using Purple Mash. Design and Technology has a textiles focus with the children designing and making stuffed soft toys. Our PE lessons are on gymnastics and basketball.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you at 3:30 pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September for our 'Meet the teacher' session.

**YEAR 6**

We would like to welcome the **Year 6** children back for their final year at Briary. We cannot wait to get started!

This term we begin maths with a look at Place value -numbers to ten million, rounding and comparing. We also look at negative numbers in everyday life.

In English, we will embark on a journey through London, reading 'The London Eye Mystery'.

Science lessons will, in Term 1, be focussed on Electricity.

Our History topic will be "What does the census tell us about people living in the local area?" RSHE this term is 'Being me in my world' where they will think about how their world compares to other children's worlds.

We are looking forward to seeing some of you at 3:30 pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September for our 'Meet the teacher' session.

**Please note** we are no longer awarding reading stars. If your child has reading stars from previous years, they will need to exchange them for a prize by the end of term.

Yours sincerely

UKS2 Team