



# Dowson Primary Academy

## Year 5's Classroom News

### What will we be learning?

#### Tame to Amazon

We are investigating the location of Hyde within Tameside, Greater Manchester and the UK. We are looking at different scaled maps and where the Tameside name originates. We will be looking at the River Tame and tracking its journey to the sea. We are also going on a field trip up to Werneth Low to sketch the significant landmarks and towns that we can see.

We are then going to compare our local area with South America. We will look at which countries make up this continent and the course of the River Amazon. We will look at aspects of the human and physical geography, including growing up, houses and school life in Rio de Janeiro.



#### Exhibition Day

Towards the end of Autumn 1, the children will be preparing for an Exhibition Day which we hope you will be able to attend (more details to follow). This year, each year group will focus on a copy of a 'Power of Reading' book. The books that have been selected reflect our overarching theme of 'We Can Change The World' and our aim is to develop children's learning alongside their citizenship. Both Year 5 and 6 will be studying the book 'The Journey' which focuses on the issue of refugees. It is the story told from the point of view of a child who has to flee a war-torn country due to conflict.

#### Into the Rainforest...

In the second half of the term, we will be learning about the diverse plants and animals of the Amazon rainforest. In English, we will be creating descriptive rainforest settings.

Look out for these on our blog!

In Science, we will be investigating the animals that live in the rainforest, and the plants that grow in the various layers.

We will be comparing and contrasting plant and animal life cycles.



#### What is happening in school?

### Dates for the Diary:



- Come Read With Me- Week commencing the 18th September
- Exhibition Day—26th October
- Parent consultation days—13th/14th November
- Individual photographs—20th October
- School open day for prospective new parents—16th October/20th November

#### What is happening in class?

- Werneth Low field trip—tbc.
- Butterfly Art project—Fri 22nd Sept
- Hyde Christmas Markets—December

### Reminders

- Swimming on Monday
- PE kits needed on Fridays and updates may follow.
- Children need to bring in their Reading Diaries every Friday.
- Practise your Challenge Cards.