



LKS2 Parent Newsletter

Spring 2



KEY LEARNING THIS HALF TERM

This half term in Geography, we will be learning about the country Brazil and drawing comparisons between Brazil and the United Kingdom. We will be thinking about how the location, climate and land use differ in each country.

As part of our Brazil topic, we are looking forwards to taking part in a carnival dance workshop during the first week back.

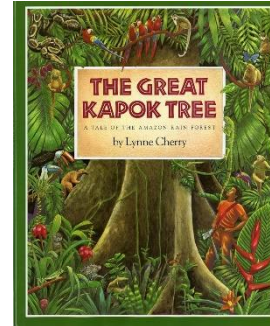
In Science, we will be studying animals, including humans. We will look at the food groups and what makes a healthy meal. We will also learn about the importance of the bones and muscles within our bodies and comparing these to the bodies of other animals.

Our DT will be about levers and linkages. We will use different types of levers to create images with moving parts.

WRITING

Our Writing this half term will be linked with our Geography learning.

We will begin by retelling the fantastic story 'The Great Kapok Tree' by Lynne Cherry, which raises the issue of deforestation in the Amazon Rainforest.



You can listen to the story here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=APJNxtjOXJc>

Later in the term, we will be showcasing our learning about Brazil by writing a non-chronological report about the country.

MATHS

In both Year 3 and 4 the main focus for this half term is fractions. We will learn about unit and non-unit fractions and compare these. We will also look at equivalent fractions, using bar models to help us understand these.

Year 4 will move on to understand the difference between proper and improper fractions and convert between these.

We follow the White Rose maths curriculum.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/>

As the Year 4 multiplication check approaches, we will continue to have a focus on times tables using TT Rockstars.

<https://trockstars.com/>

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

In preparation for the times tables check, encourage your child to use TT Rockstars regularly to practise their times tables.

Help your child to learn their weekly spellings and to complete their homework. These will be given out every Friday. Homework will be due the following Friday.

School Value

This half term our school value will be 'Perseverance'
This will link with our three R - **Resilient**

We will be exploring how sometimes things might be different but that it is important to keep trying. We will be looking at the different things we can do/people we can speak to when something is hard.

OUR READING TEXTS

In Reading lessons, each class will be continuing to practise their reading fluency. We will also be improving our comprehension of the texts, by answering a selection of retrieval and inference questions.

3B will be reading a non-fiction text, 'Find Out - Volcanoes'.

34H are continuing to read 'The Nothing to See Here Hotel', which we have really enjoyed so far!

4L will be beginning to read The Girl Who Stole an Elephant.



EVENTS IN SCHOOL/KEY DATES

All parents and carers are welcome to celebrate our learning, in and out of school, at our Friday assembly. Please enter through the main entrance after drop off where we will be pleased to welcome you into school, with refreshments. Miss Bartle and Mrs Stringwell are both around at this time.

19th February - INSET Day

20th February - Young Voices

21st February - LKS2 Carnival Dance Workshop

4th March - Book Fair in School

7th March - World Book Day

12th March - Class Photographs

15th March - Red Nose Day

22nd March - Break up for Easter