

## Year 2 Summer Term 2024 - Topic Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

This term, our topic is **Where in the world are we?** We are very lucky to have a number of families from other countries. If you are interested in coming to talk to the children (or helping your child prepare some information to present to the class), we'd love to hear from you. We will share this information after half term.

### History and Geography

These subjects link closely this term. We are learning about the inspiring Marina Silva, a Brazilian woman who campaigned against deforestation and set up the first reserve in the Amazon rainforest. The children will learn about what she does, about peaceful protest and about the importance of protecting the world's rainforests. In geography, we are comparing Britain and Brazil to find out the differences and similarities between the two countries and locating them on a world map.

### English

Our Oracy (speaking and listening) targets this term are:

- Provide reasons and an explanation for your ideas and answers.
- Have a go at using new words that you have learned.

We have started the term with a fabulous text called The Tin Forest. The children will write their own version of the story called The Plastic Forest and we will also use this text to learn about reusing and recycling.

Later in the term, the children will learn to write acrostic poems, write a version of The Disgusting Sandwich and study Changes by Anthony Browne (which we use to talk about the transition from Pilton Infants' to Bluecoat School).

### Maths

This term in Maths we are focusing on fractions. We will be working on identifying and finding halves, quarters and thirds of shapes and quantities. This links well to our multiplication and division unit from last term. We will focus on the equivalence of one half and two quarters. This will help us to notice that 2 parts of 4 is equivalent to 1 part of 2. To help with your child's fluency at home you could work on finding half of numbers up to 20. Keep working on these regularly to help your child become automatic and not need to think about these facts.

We will then start our final topics in maths: time, money, mass, capacity and temperature. We will focus on finding half past, 5 minutes to and quarter to as an example. Time takes a lot of time to learn so practise this at home by spotting different times at home. We will focus on finding change using money and using our knowledge of 2/5/10 to answer problems involving money. You could play shop keeper at home to focus on finding change from difficult amounts such as having 70p and buying an object for 52p. We will solve word problems involving mass, capacity and temperature and understand how they are measured.

**Science and Design Technology**

These subjects are very closely linked this term. In science, we will be learning about plants and what they need to grow. We will conduct our own experiment to find the perfect conditions for plants to grow in and we will learn to identify the different parts of a plant. Later this term in DT and science, we will learn about what we eat and how to keep ourselves healthy by eating a balanced diet.

In DT we will focus on the main food groups and design a balanced meal. We will look at tasting different components of meals and why we need a healthy balance. We will find out where our food comes from, including vegetables and other complex food such as spreads and pastes.

**P.S.H.E**

Jigsaw this term we will begin with our unit on relationships. We will look at how our families are unique and celebrate the differences between our families. Following this we will look at our friendships and how we can be a good friend.

**R.E.**

Our topics this term are 'What is the good news that Christians believe Jesus brings?' and 'Why are some spaces special to believers?' We will be looking at some of the key messages Jesus taught his followers and how those ideas can apply in our lives. In the second half of term we will be familiarising ourselves with different places of worship.

**Computing**

This half term, in ICT, we will be practising keyboard skills and using word processor software. After half term, we will be writing algorithms to program robots. This topic will include further practice using Scratch Junior on the ipads.

**Music**

Mrs Buckley will be teaching the children about West African djembe drumming where the children will explore rhythm and using sound effects to accompany stories. Later in the term the children will be learning to play the ukulele and accompany simple songs with the chord C. They will work on performing different rhythmical strumming patterns to a steady beat.

**P.E.**

P.E. this term focuses on ball skills, coordination, agility and quick reactions. The children will also have the opportunity to apply these skills in tennis and rounders. We will also practise running skills in preparation for Sports Day.

**Art**

We are going to continue learning about landscape artists and use a variety of techniques to recreate famous landscapes (such as assemblage and printing

Please come in and see us if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Mrs Ruddick, Mrs Haynes and Mrs Smith.