

Brazil Class Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing half term. This week the children have been practising for their class worship on 14th November. Hopefully you will be able to attend and find out about our Rainforest learning. Some of the children have been talking about their topic work for this half term. From what I am hearing, they have already started working on their projects. Could I remind you not to send in any topic work until Monday 26th November as we just don't have the storage space in the classroom.

- **Reading**

I am thrilled with the amount of reading happening at home. Most children are now reading at least the required amount of three times a week and are therefore earning themselves an additional playtime on a Friday. Keep up the great work.

- **Phonics/Spellings/Basic skills**

Spellings will still be sent home on Tuesdays and spelling tests will take place the following Tuesday. There are some children that do not have their red spelling book in their book bags. This wastes time getting separate sheets of paper to be cut down to size for their books and then remembering to stick the new spellings in their spelling books when they are returned to school. Red spelling books should be in their book bags every day. Please check their spelling tests and dictations and review any spellings they have not remembered.

- **Learn-Its and Maths**

Please ensure the children have their yellow learn it books in their book bags. Children should be practising their times tables in and out of order and then learning the corresponding division facts regularly at home. It is only with lots of repetition that they will build up their speed / recall which will help them immensely when doing multiplication and division calculations. A minimum of three times a week would be a good starting point and don't forget to keep practising the times tables they have already learnt.

- **Homework**

This half term there will be no homework to hand in until their topic is due on Monday 26th November for their Ancient Egypt project. Please continue to practise spellings, times tables and reading.

- **PE Kits and Uniforms**

This half term P.E. will be on Mondays and Tuesdays and will be NUFC and yoga. NUFC like the children to go outside whenever possible for P.E. I have noticed that quite a few children only have shorts and t-shirts which are not warm enough for this time of year. Could you please make sure to pack long P.E. trousers and a sweatshirt as well as their shorts and t-shirts.

- **Topics / Learning Themes**



This half term the children will be learning about Ancient Egypt in both their History and Art lessons. They will learn their French vocabulary through a Christmas theme. In R.E. they will continue to learn about Hindu festivals and celebrations and then in the latter part of the half term they will learn about Christmas.

In Science Year 3 will be learning about Forces and Magnets and Year 4 will be learning about States of Matter. We are still finishing off our Addition and Subtraction work from last half term in maths, having spent an extended amount of time on place value and number. We will then move onto Multiplication and Division. In English we shall be practising our speaking skills for our class worship. We will then be looking at the Egyptian Traditional Tale of Cinderella followed by a poetry unit of work.

Thank you.

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