

# Brazil Class Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a relaxing half term.

- **Reading**

As before, please hear your child read at least three times a week and comment in the reading records. If the children have an adult sign their reading record 3 times a week, they can earn an additional playtime if they wish. I have reminded the children that reading at home is part of their homework.

- **Phonics/Spellings/Basic skills**

Spellings continue to be sent home on Tuesdays and spelling tests will take place the following Tuesday. Please check their spelling tests and dictations and review any spellings they have not remembered. The children know that if they only practise their spellings once or twice they are in their short term memory. They need to practise at least five times or more for them to be transferred to their long term memory. The children must learn their spellings as part of the curriculum.

- **Learn-Its and Maths**

The children are enjoying Rock Star Times Tables. Hopefully using this at home is encouraging your child to practise their tables with speed.

## **Homework**

Please continue to hand in homework on a Wednesday. I will hand out new homework on a Friday.



- **PE Kits and Uniforms**

As always, please make sure that a PE kit is in school every day as sometimes the timetable can change. This half term PE will be football with NUFC on Mondays and climbing wall and/or netball and swimming on Fridays. We will not be swimming every Friday due to the closure of the pool but will do an alternative activity at school. Children will therefore need their PE kits in school on those Fridays (8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>). The children will obviously need an outdoor PE kit for football.

## **Topics / Learning Themes**



- This half term the children will be learning about World War 2 and how it affected the lives of the people in the United Kingdom. In French we will be learning transportation vocabulary. Y3 Science will be Light and Y4 Science will be Electricity. In English we are looking at diary entries, letters and non chronological reports. We will begin the half term continuing our work on multiplication and division and will move onto measures. Our R.E. topic will be Easter.

- **Dates for your diary**

World Maths Day: Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, World Book Day: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Book Fair: week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March, Comic Relief: 15<sup>th</sup> March (bake sale after school - cake/biscuit donations would be appreciated), Brazil Class Worship: 20<sup>th</sup> March.

Thank you.

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