



Happy new year and welcome to a new term in Brazil Class! We are so pleased with how well the children have settled into Year 1 and are looking forward to the term ahead.

English

In our reading lessons, we use a key text to base our reading comprehension work around. We usually spend one or two weeks studying each text. We start this term by reading 'The Tale of Peter Rabbit' and then 'Look Up!', 'Here We Are' and the poem 'Chocolate Cake' by Michael Rosen. Lots of amazing literature to read and work with!

In our writing lessons, we will be looking at a range of text types and having a go at writing our own versions of them. These include: letters, recounts, poetry, instructions and stories with a familiar setting. So, lots to keep us busy! Our focus is always on using capital letters and full stops in our writing as well as sounding out words we want to spell and using the phonic sounds we have learnt in class. We are also working on saying a sentence out loud before writing it (often several times) then checking what we have written.

Maths

In maths, we will continue our unit on telling the time to the hour and to half past the hour. Then we will begin to explore calculation strategies for addition and subtraction within 20 before we then move on to working with numbers up to 50. We will spend time looking at 2-digit numbers; representing them, sequencing them and comparing them. We will learn to count in 2's, 5's and 10's and describe and complete number patterns. We will also be learning about fractions this term. We will identify $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a shape and find $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ of a quantity. We will look at doubling and halving again and compare and measure lengths and mass using centimetres and kilograms.

Science

In science, we will be continuing our unit from last term about animals and humans and starting a new topic on everyday materials. We will find out what materials are and how to describe materials. We will then investigate which materials are waterproof and justify why certain materials are good for different jobs.

Art and DT

In art, pupils will explore making thick and thin paint marks on a range of surfaces. They will use primary colours and the dip, dip dab method of painting.

In DT, we will investigate how you can stop a tower from toppling over. This will involve looking at structures and understanding that structures have their own foundations. We will have the opportunity to build our own free-standing structures using a range of different materials and then evaluate our work.

PSHE, RE & PE

PE will continue to be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days. If your child wears earrings, please either take them out or tape over them.

In RE this term, we will be studying Christianity again. We are going to be looking at what Jesus taught others about God through his parables and also thinking about why Christians pray to God.

In PSHE, we will be learning about keeping ourselves safe and the emergency services, understanding appropriate and inappropriate physical contact and we will find out all about citizenship.

Reading

Friday is our book changing day but please ensure reading folders are in school every day. Children will receive a phonics book that links to the sounds we have covered in school that week. They may also take another book of their choice to read at home.

Children are encouraged to re-read their books throughout the week. This helps with their fluency and comprehension of the text.

Home Learning

Home learning is set via Showbie every Friday.

If you cannot access your account, please send Mrs Dearman a Dojo message and she will help you to get back into your account.

Please upload a picture of your child's work or write a short comment telling us how they got on with each home learning task.

History and Geography

In history, we are going to find out all about the lives of Mary Anning and David Attenborough and discover how their work has impacted on our lives today.

In geography, we will revisit our learning from the autumn term on continents, oceans and the United Kingdom.