



CLASSROOM NEWS



Brazil Year 5 - Spring 2 2024

English

This half term in English we are going to continue reading Kensukes Kingdom. We will plan, draft and edit a variety of different text types ensuring we are including the key features from our year 5 writing framework. We will also develop the key reading skills of vocabulary, inference, predictions, explanations and summarising as we are reading the text.

Topic

This half term our topic is 'Trade and Resources' which is a geography-based topic. We are going to learn about services and goods that are imported to the UK from around the world. We are going to identify the most commonly imported goods and where they usually come from. We are also going to learn about the UK's biggest trade partners: USA, China and Germany. We will also learn about the Fairtrade movement in less economically developed countries.

Other information:

- We will continue going swimming every other Thursday afternoon. Please ensure that your child brings their swimming kit into school on their swimming days. Swimming kits should include - swim suit/trunks, a towel and a pair of goggles.
- New swimming dates for spring 2 will be shared on Seesaw so that group A can catch up on missed lessons.
- A polite reminder that if your child has permission to walk home after school and they are misbehaving on school grounds whilst doing this, we may ask you to come and collect them from the classroom door so that they are accompanied on school grounds as they are leaving.
- Please ensure your child completes their homework every week. Homework is handed out every Friday and must be completed and returned for the following Thursday.
- Please ensure your child is reading their reading book at home at least 3 times a week and learns their spellings ready for a spelling test on Friday.

Maths

In maths we are continuing our unit on multiplication and division. We are going to use the column method to multiply 3 and 4-digit numbers by a 2-digit number. We are also going to use the short division method to divide large numbers. After we have done this, we are going to start the second part of our unit on fractions where we will learn how to find fractions of amounts, how to multiply fractions and how to divide them.

Science

Our topic in science is 'Forces' which is a physics topic. Over the half term we are going to learn about friction, gravity, air resistance and water resistance. We are going to work scientifically to investigate these forces and the impact they have on everyday tasks/ items. We are also going to investigate how some mechanisms, including levers, pulleys and gears allow a smaller force to have a greater effect. We will also explain that unsupported objects fall towards the Earth because of the force of gravity acting between the Earth and the falling object.

Dates for your diary:

- Monday 19th February - school reopens.
- Thursday 22nd February - whole class photograph day.
- Friday 1st March - year 5 ENHA survey day (in school).
- Thursday 7th March - World Book Day non-uniform day/ dress up day.
- Friday 22nd March - school closed for Easter.