



Blue Class Home Learning

Friday 8th March 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

In English this week, we have used our knowledge of the story 'The Great Kapok Tree' to write a letter explaining why we need to save the rainforest. In Maths, we have continued our learning about multiplication, using our knowledge to solve problems. In Science, we had fun digging up plants, looking at these using magnifying glasses before doing observational drawings of their root systems. In Music, we have learned the song 'Round and Round', which is in the Brazilian Bossa Nova style, and we have begun to add instruments to accompany our singing. In RE, we have been thinking about special times including birthdays, Christmas and New Year, and how we celebrate these in our families. In Geography, we have looked at the equator and predicted which countries are hot and cold. In Art we have created our own Romero Britto inspired artwork.

Next week we would like to make our own musical instruments and would ask you to donate items such as clean butter tubs, Pringle tubes or plastic bottles, which we will be using to make our own percussion instruments. Please can you also return the form to let us know if your child can participate in the chocolate tasting activity.

Suggested homework ideas:

Reading: Please continue to read with your child for at least **15 minutes every day**, supporting them with their decoding and comprehension skills.

Please be reminded to use your child's green reading record book to let us know when their books have been read and need changing.

Phonics: This week's key phonemes, graphemes and tricky words are on the reverse of this letter. Please feel free to practise these with your child. You may also wish to visit websites such as: <http://www.ictgames.com> and <http://www.phonicsplay.co.uk> to review any prior learning.

Spelling: We are continuing to encourage the pupils to correctly spell all learnt tricky words within their written work. As you know we are revising the Year 1 common exception words, i.e. words that are not written phonetically, and would ask you to encourage your child to write the spelling words in sentences. This week's spellings are: **so, by, my**. Please prompt your child to use a capital letter at the beginning of the sentence as well as using finger spaces and a full stop at the end, if they do not do this automatically. Your child might like to challenge themselves further by including an adjective in their sentences e.g. 'On Friday my little sister saw a beautiful rainbow.' Perhaps you could try practising with chalks, crayons, paints or by encouraging your child to type their sentence using a computer keyboard.

Mathletics: Your child can work through and complete activities at their own pace including the set weekly task related to our learning. If you cannot access Mathletics your child could continue to practise counting in 2s, 5s and 10s and challenging themselves to prove their learning using objects.

Homework: Your child could try to find some new information about Brazil and make a list of similarities and differences between Brazil and Kent.

Comic Relief: Next Friday, 15th March is Comic Relief - Our theme this year is 'Wild hair and red clothes' for a suggested donation of £1.00.

Shared Golden Time: Blue Class have their Shared Golden Time on Friday, 15th March at 2.40pm. We hope you can join us.

We wish you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Azzopardi, Mrs Tuft and Mrs Dearing