

# Blue Class Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 4; we hope you had an excellent February half term.

Our topic this term is '**Brazil**' - this topic will hold a *Geography* focus and will allow the children to explore, compare and contrast Brazil and the Brazilian culture with the United Kingdom and our British values and cultures. We will begin with a *Stunning Start* on 25<sup>th</sup> February, during this day the children will watch a video about the Amazon Rainforest. They will then make some of the animals found there including butterflies, snakes and tree frogs. During the day they will explore Brazilian music and samba dancing, as well as the flags of the UK and Brazil and learn some Portuguese phrases.

During Literacy this term we will be immersing ourselves in the Brazilian story, **The Great Kapok Tree** by Lynne Cherry. We plan to develop our descriptive writing using adjectives and conjunctions, as well as using drama and role play to help us write persuasively, convincing others to help protect the environment.

This term in Maths, we are thinking more about multiplication and division, by using arrays to help us solve problems. We will also learn more about 3D shapes and weight.

In Science we are going to be thinking more about plants. We will be looking at the basic structure of a variety of common plants, naming them and growing our own beans.

In Computing we will be producing a poster to promote environmental links, by altering the size of text, adding images and saving our work.

Music this term will be linked to our Design and Technology lessons where the children will be designing and creating their own variety of percussion instruments inspired by the Brazilian Carnival. They will then put these instruments to good use to create their own carnival parade performance which we will look to invite parents and carers to towards the end of Term 4.

RE this term will focus on Christian celebrations, thinking about how and why Easter is sacred.

During our term's Art lessons, the children will be exploring the art work produced by artist Romero Britto and trying to work in a similar style.

Show and Tell will continue to be on Fridays this term and will comprise of sharing Busy Books and home learning with the class.

## REMINDERS FOR BLUE CLASS

**PE days:** Our PE days this term are Thursday and Friday. Please can all named PE kits be in school. Please remember to remove earrings on your child's PE day. As the weather begins to improve, we will hopefully be starting to do more lessons outside on the field or playground.

### Dates for your diary:

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March - Scooter Training
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as a character from a book.
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm - Shared Golden Time
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March - Comic Relief. Our theme this year is 'Wild Hair and Red Clothes' for a suggested donation of £1.00.
- 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Book Week
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March - Mother's Day activities
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April - PTFA Easter Egg Hunt
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Sponsored Colour Run and last day of term

We look forward to an exciting term!

**Mrs Azzopardi, Mrs Tuft and Mrs Dearing**

To support the planned making of musical instruments, we would like to ask if any parents and carers are able to donate any of the items listed below;

- **Junk modelling for percussion instruments - in particular**
  - ✓ **butter boxes**
  - ✓ **Pringles tubes**
  - ✓ **empty plastic bottles.**
  - ✓ **extra clean plastic milk bottles**
  - ✓ **plastic tubs with lids**

If you are able to donate any of these items we thank you in advance and ask that you send them in with the children.

Many thanks for your continued support