

Purple 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 have 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 our *Stunning Start* on 25th February and are looking forward to making Brazilian flags and using our arts and crafts skills to create Amazonian birds, plants and animals.

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 and will be 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 during their own carnival performance which we are hoping 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 work by artist Romero Britto and will be using his colourful style when creating their own piece.

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 PURPLE CLASS

PE Days

PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday. Please remember to remove earrings on these days.

Weekly PPA Cover

Mrs Coles will now be covering **Purple Class** every Wednesday morning during Miss Seymour's PPA time.

Dates for your diary:

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

We look forward to an exciting term!

Miss Seymour, Mrs Staines and Mrs Coles

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