



Welcome back to school after the Easter break.

As always, we have lots of interesting learning planned with our topic. During this fifth term back at school, Faith Class will be exploring the theme of **Brazilian Carnival**. The majority of learning will be linked to this theme. **Our TAs will be Mrs Wilson and Mrs Beresford.**

<p>The majority of English work this term will again be based around our topic. We will be working through the expectations for the year 3 and 4 curriculum in order to cover persuasive writing, information writing and poetry. We will be referring to ‘The Great Kapok Tree’ by Lynne Cherry.</p> <p>Our class book to begin with will be ‘The Explorer’ by Katherine Rundell.</p> <p>Spellings will be given out on Fridays and tested on Thursdays.</p>	<p>In Maths this term, we will be again mainly focusing on number work. This will include addition and subtraction, place value, multiplication and division. We will be revising word problems that involve more than one-step. We will continue to work using fluency, problem solving, application and misconceptions in our daily lessons.</p> <p><u>Times tables challenge will take place weekly on Fridays.</u></p>
<p>In Science, we will be linking our learning to plants/animals in the rainforest region of the Amazon. We will be looking at how plants and animals adapt to their environments, classifying animals using branching diagrams and making our own rainforest biome.</p> <p>In music, we will be learning about the music of Brazil and the samba.</p> <p>Mrs Pitman-Jones will teach the PSHE strand of ‘Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds’ and French following the ‘Salut Sophie’ scheme on a Wednesday afternoon.</p>	<p>In RE, we will be focusing on Christianity in the lead up to Easter. Our key focus will be on the Gospels and how after Jesus’ death the word of God was spread by the disciples.</p> <p>We will mostly have 3 PE sessions per week this term. We will be working with Rachel from Up and Under on a Monday afternoon. These sessions will be outside and cover tennis.</p> <p>Swimming will take place on a Wednesday morning. We will use our Friday afternoon sessions to cover cricket skills.</p> <p>Please ensure that you have suitable clothing for outside – trainers, leggings/track suits and warm jumper and your swimming kit on a Wednesday.</p>
<p>In Geography, we will be learning about Brazil and how Rio has become urbanized. We will be thinking about tourism and culture.</p> <p>Computing will be taught by Mrs Pitts on a Tuesday afternoon from 1.30 – 3.00. She will be focusing on stop/go animation and music making using Garage Band.</p>	<p>In Art, we will be looking at the work of Brazilian artist Romero Britto.</p> <p>Our DT project will be to use textiles to create a small beanie poison dart frog.</p>

How can you help?

Reading

Please encourage your child to read at home as well as regularly returning their home reading book and signed reading record. Encourage your child to read not only stories but also instructions, newspapers and information texts as this exposure will broaden their vocabulary and knowledge of different text structures. At Sutton Benger we ask that your child reads/share a book with an adult 3 times per week. As a busy parent myself I know that can sometimes be difficult, however the benefits of this can really make a difference to a child's progress. **Please remember that your child may be asked to reread a book – this is an important skill as it enables your child to think about themes on a deeper level. Reading is not just about learning the words!**

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a plain white t shirt, black/navy shorts and daps or trainers in school in order to participate in PE. - clothing should all be clearly named. If your child is unable to do PE for any reason, please let us know via a written note. **Your child needs their PE kit to be in school every day in case of timetable changes.**

3B4ME

As a school we have adopted the 3B4ME strategy. The idea behind this is to encourage children to use other strategies before asking an adult for help.

For instance, your child could ask a buddy, look in a book (or around class) or use their own brain before coming to check in with an adult.

It would be helpful if you could reinforce this strategy at home if possible.

Home learning

Home learning is an opportunity for you to support your child's learning in school. This helps you to know what they have been learning and spend time with your child reinforcing these skills. Please ensure that your child completes all home learning which includes spellings. **I mark home learning on Thursday so would appreciate your child handing it in on time. Any late homework may not get marked.**

Monday	PE – tennis (outdoor kit needed)
Tuesday	Mrs Pitts teaching computing pm
Wednesday	Mrs Pitman-Jones teaching all day Swimming am Home learning handed in
Thursday	Spelling check up
Friday	Home learning and spellings to be given out PE – cricket (outside kit needed)

Here's to another successful term! I am available at the end of most school days to answer any questions or for a more in depth discussion on any concerns you may have.

Mrs Magson