



Class Brazil Termly Newsletter

Spring Term 2019



Class News

We hope that you all had a festive holiday and Happy New Year! Thank you for all the kind cards and gifts. Class Brazil are looking forward to the Spring Term because we are becoming botanists and investigating all about the beauty and growth of plants. As with a gardener who sows seeds at the beginning of the year to grow in the spring, the coming term is a wonderful time of year for our children to learn and grow and it will be an incredibly exciting topic as we deepen our understanding in Maths, Reading and Writing but also in Art, DT and Science. It will be a great term for every child to blossom even further!

Physical Education

This term PE will take place on a Tuesday and Friday, however having the correct kit available in school throughout the week is essential. An **indoor** and **winter outdoor** kit is required. If your child is unable to take part in a PE activity, please send a note into school. Unless circumstances dictate, children will still be expected to change into their PE kit and participate as non-physical performer. This may include observing, assessing, providing feedback, officiating or using ICT to capture images within the lesson. If children forget all or part of their PE kit a polite note will be recorded in their reading diaries.

Maths

Knowing and understanding the times tables is an essential skill. Year 3 expectations are 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and Year 4 times table expectations are 2-12x. **Times Table Rock Stars** is a fun way to practice, also a great educational app to play on laptops or iPads. Please speak to myself or Miss Crobsy if you're having problems logging in at home.

Homework

Year 3 English, maths and reading homework will be handed out alternately each Friday, to be handed in on the following Thursday. If children are unable to complete their homework tasks, please inform a member of the class Brazil staff on a Monday so support can be put in place with any problem areas.

Reading

Please try to read regularly with your child; filling in their reading records each time. Regular, varied reading not only helps develop reading skills but also has a positive impact on writing standards, spelling, knowledge of grammar rules and most importantly imagination.

We are very pleased to have brand new books for our young readers and the children have already started enjoying them.

If you have any questions about reading please feel free to write a message in the reading record or speak to me before or after school.

Volunteering

Any support is greatly welcomed, especially first thing in the morning to hear the children read. Please speak to a member of the team about these opportunities.

I hope you find this information useful. I will be available on the playground before and after school each day. Please do not hesitate to catch me if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,
Mr Divers