

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year, I hope both you and your children had a relaxing summer break and that they are looking forward to working hard throughout the next year.

Our topic foci for the year up to Christmas are: 'Brazil' and 'Ancient Greece'. As you will be able to see from the attached planning there are some exiting activities planned.

#### Homework Reminder

It is expected that children will read on a regular basis and will begin to keep their own reading log. Please encourage them to complete some book reviews on the school website.

Children are also encouraged to continue practising the times tables in order to increases the speed of recalling them and related division facts.

In addition to the above your child/children will also be given up to 3 pieces of work a week, a piece of literacy, maths and a task that relates to the wider curriculum. I anticipate that each piece should take between 20-30 minutes. All three pieces will be sent home on Mondays and should be returned on Fridays. I expect children to complete all tasks to the standard that I expect in class. Should they have any difficulties please feel free to support them, discuss it with me or make a note on the homework.

Occasionally an extra piece of research work may also be given to support learning in various areas of the curriculum.

#### PE

Children have PE or Games on Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays and Fridays and need in school clear and practical PE kit and appropriate footwear. Once in a while it would be good practise for the kit to be taken home for washing!

If you feel able to offer your support with any area of the curriculum, I am particularly keen to here from anyone willing to support with cooking. Please let me know if you can spare some time.

Please feel free to pop in to discuss any concerns.

Ms R Surridge

### Maths

Multiplication and Division facts up to 12x12 –focusing on increasing speed of recall  
Place value— understanding numbers to at least 10,000,000  
Multiplying and dividing numbers by 10, 100 and 1000  
Addition and subtraction using column method  
Converting between different units of measurements  
Algebra—using simple formulae e.g if  $3x + 2 = 17$  what is x

### ART

Pottery—  
Focus Artist is Clarice Cliff  
Children will explore the work of Clarice Cliff and compare this to clay pots from Ancient Greece. They will work with different media. including clay.

### PE

PE will be taught by Mrs Dixon on Wednesdays, Thursdays and alternate Fridays. It will include games focusing on attacking and defending skills and team play in football and netball.  
Gymnastics  
Year 6 working towards Play leaders certificate.  
Year 6 Bikeability

### SPANISH

Lifestyles: words and phrases related to daily life, including food and drink.



### Cross Curriculum Topic

Geography Focus—Brazil (1st half term)  
Children will develop their understanding of maps and the skills involved in interpreting maps.  
They will compare urban and rural settlements and some differences between the rich and poor. We will also investigate the main industries of Brazil.  
History Focus—Ancient Greece (2nd half term)  
Children will develop their understanding of chronology and how we find out about the past from primary and secondary sources.  
We will look at how many Greek inventions have influenced modern day life.

### Literacy

Persuasive writing—posters, leaflets, letters and reports.  
Class Novels—‘The Explorer’—Katherine Rundell  
‘Who Let The Gods Out’ - Maz Evans  
Focusing on proof reading and editing work.  
Using connectives to link ideas within sentences  
Using commas to punctuate complex sentences  
Spellings - prefixes and suffixes

### Music

Salsa and Samba focussing on rhythm and tempo. Creating own compositions.

### ICT

Using the Internet for Research  
Multimedia Presentation – using multimedia programmes to incorporate images, sounds and text.

### Computing

- 1) Inputs, outputs, motors and sensors. Sequencing and debugging code.
- 2) Spreadsheets—formulae, formatting and fun!

### RE

Why do Christians believe God is Holy and Loving? How does this effect their daily lives.



## Brazil Ancient Greece Class 4, Autumn 2018