Spring 1 Overview – The Amazon

Dear Parents,

A welcome back to school after the Christmas break and a Happy New Year to you all! This term brings lots of exciting learning with a wonderful topic and some amazing books! Homework will increase slightly this half term as we start to prepare the children for their SATs test. Like always, if you have any queries, please email staff@broughtonprimary.co.uk and address it to myself. Thanks once again for your continued support. Mr. Bentham ☺

Children are expected to read for at least thirty minutes per night in addition to any reading within school hours. Children should record their reading in their diaries, but could I politely remind parents to sign it weekly.

I am going to send home some stem question examples that may help your child answer more comprehensive style questions when reading at home. These stems have examples of questions that you can ask to deepen their understanding of the text and how to answer the more complex questions.

In addition to daily reading, children need to complete one piece of homework on 'Mathletics' per week and one piece of homework on www.Spag.com per week.

As the SATs tests get closer, I will be adding an extra piece of homework per week in the form of a 'Ten-Minute Test Buster' on reading, grammar punctuation and spelling and maths.

The topic of this half term is 'The Amazon' and the children will be given six activities based on this topic to complete. The children are encouraged to complete as many of these as possible.

A list of age-appropriate spellings will be sent out on Monday of each week for the children to learn. They will be tested the following Monday.

Within class time, we will be looking at spelling rules and strategies through 'No Nonsense Spelling'. We will revisit spellings from previous years and these will then be included within spelling lists.

Homework – The Amazon



Dance

Children will come up with their own dance, which must include a sequence with gestures and movements based upon the carnival dancing of Brazil. The music they should use can be found here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pv0TI2Pvl

Spanish

Children must create a mini fact-file about all of the Spanish-speaking countries of South America. This must include their flag, population, size, history and any wonderful facts that they can find! (I)



Brazilian Food

Children can attempt to make a traditional Brazilian dish from the website below and take a picture for their evidence.

https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/brazilian-recipes

Art/R.E.

Make a model of 'Christ the Redeemer' using household objects/materials.







Deforestation

Children must create a persuasive speech for whether deforestation should or should not be made illegal. (I)

Science

As we are learning about plants in science, children must create a word search with 10 plants that grow in the rainforest – but they must call them by their Latin names!

English

This term's book is 'Journey to the River Sea', a narrative fiction by Eva Ibbotson. The children will have the opportunity to widen their vocabulary knowledge, write in role and blend description within narrative writing. Throughout this half term, the children will also revisit grammar and punctuation structures to develop the ability to build cohesion within their writing.

Mathematics

In maths this half term, Year 6 will be building on their knowledge of fractions, multiples and factors, and will begin to look at ration, proportion and algebraic formulae. We will then be looking at the relationships between fractions, decimals and percentages, working out the equivalence.

P.E.

Year 6 will be looking at sequences in both gymnastics and dance this half term, building on previous work to create a solo, duet and a group dance/sequence.

Science

In this unit, we will be looking at the famous scientist 'Carl Linnaeus' and the 'System Natural' – an early way of classifying living organisms, animals and plants. We will be using both simple and complex classification keys to develop understanding of how to group certain living things.

Computing

Children will be looking at small-scale and large-scale algorithms., how people use the internet to research and the programming developed to rank results.

Geography

Year 6 will be exploring the countries around the Amazon Basin, looking at settlements, tributaries to the river Amazon and the ecosystem within the Basin.

D.T.

Children will explore popular food dishes from Brazilian cultures, looking at ingredients and recipes on how to create their own version based on Brazilian foods.

PSHE

PSHE looks at relationships this half term, focusing on how to work together collaboratively with others, even when people's opinions/values differ, learning the need to appreciate everyone.

R.E.

We will be visiting the Old Testament this half term, looking at the key figure of Moses. We will be exploring how Moses and the significant event of Exodus plays an integral part in the history of Judaism.