

## Olive Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the summer term. This term our main topic is South America.



**English:** The first week back we will continue our persuasive writing and then be looking at creating a carnival poem based on our geography topic for the term which is Brazil.

The children will look at stories from other cultures and travel writing. After half we will look at the Maya creation stories and leaflet writing.

Mayan Myths and the history of the Mayan people. We will create our own information leaflets.

Throughout the term, the children will continue to study grammar and punctuation with a focus on the use of modal verbs, prepositions, relative clauses, the apostrophe, parenthesis and the use of bullet points.

**Maths:** This term we will continue working on our multiplication, division and percentages. We will be learning about volume and capacity and 2-D shapes. We will extend our knowledge of fractions by practicing the multiplication of fractions and whole numbers. In geometry, we will be looking at the rotation of shapes and in statistics the focus will be line graphs. We will revisit place value and the written methods of the four operations regularly.

To support your child in maths, please ensure that he/she can tell the time and please continue to practice times tables and number bonds as the fast recall of these facts helps the children in all areas of maths.

**Topic:** We will be exploring Brazil and its physical and social features as well as exploring the history of the Mayan people.

**Art/ DT:** We will be exploring Carnival in Brazil and creating our own Carnival mask

**Science:** We will be looking at plant lifecycles and we will be exploring how environments can change and that this can sometimes pose dangers and have an impact on living things. We will also be looking at how living things can be classified into broad groups.

**RE:** We will be studying creation and science: conflicting or complimentary? We will continue looking at the Hindu faith in detail: Karma, Samsara and Moksha.

**PE:** We will be doing hockey, swimming and athletics.

**Music:** We will be looping and mixing and looking at musical theatre.



## Upcoming Events

**PE Summer Term is on a Monday and Swimming on a Thursday.**

### Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and are tested on the following Friday. Spelling frame is updated every Friday and the children can access it throughout the week to practice.

Daily reading - please read with your child and encourage them to look up any unfamiliar words as well as recording these words. In school we call it Magpieing.

English and maths homework is set on Friday and due in on Wednesday. (The children will self-mark their homework on a Wednesday.)

If there is a problem with completing homework, the children will have an opportunity to discuss with their class teacher on a Monday morning.

Please go on Doodle Maths daily and Doodle timestables.