

Olive Spring Term Newsletter



Welcome back to the Spring term. This term we have lots of exciting topics we are covering.

English: the first week back we will be looking at creating a carnival poem based on our geography topic for the term which is Brazil.

During week three, the children will take part in a series of workshops with visiting author, Caroline Laurence.

We will look at stories from other cultures and suspense stories.

In the second half term, children will be writing sci-fi stories, explanation and persuasive texts.

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 be revising place value for 6-digit numbers, the formal written methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, decimal numbers and ordering fractions. We will be learning about percentage/decimal equivalence, calculating percentages, adding and subtracting fractions, measuring angles and reading and drawing line graphs.

To support your child in maths, it would be helpful if you could encourage him/her to practice telling the time regularly, to read recipes and weigh items when cooking and to calculate shopping totals and change due.

Topic: in the first half term we will be studying Brazil and this will link with our art making carnival masks and sculpting our own clay versions of Christ the Redeemer. Then we will look at maps and recycled art.

Science: firstly, we will be studying plant life cycles and after half term we will focus on the planets.

RE: we will continue our study of the Hindu faith, learning about the Trimurti, and then in the second half term, study the Easter story in more detail as we approach Easter.



Upcoming Events

PE this term is on Tuesday and Friday

14th-18th January Visiting Author Caroline Lawrence (Roman Mystery Novels)

25th January Churchmead Science morning

5th Feb Internet Safety day

8th Feb NSPCC numbers Day

1st March World Book Day

18th March Science Day

Homework:

Spellings are set on Friday and are tested on the following Friday

Daily reading - please record reading in your child's homework diary

English homework is set on Friday and due in on Wednesday.

Maths homework is set on Friday and due in on Wednesday.