



# Welcome to Class 10's Spring Overview



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support during Autumn term. The children made an excellent start to the year, and they have been an absolute pleasure to teach. There has been brilliant progress across all areas of the curriculum and the children have done themselves proud.

Remember we are continuing to use Google Classroom for updates and messages and all children should now be able to access this fully. If you have any problems, please come and speak to one of us.

We are looking forward to another great term.

Many thanks, Mr Wake, Mrs Ivingston and of course Winnie!

## Maths

This term, the children will practise a range of areas in maths including multiplication and division. The children will work on both short and long multiplication before moving onto a range of division strategies. We will then move onto fractions and develop our previous learning. Throughout all topics, we will be recapping our arithmetic strategies and recapping the four operations. In all topics, times tables knowledge is crucial so please continue to practise on TT Rockstars regularly.



## English

Our topic this term will link to our geography topic of Brazil. Firstly, children will explore the Amazon jungle by writing non-chronological reports on the fascinating eco system. We will also crash land deep in the Amazon jungle through Katherine Rundell's award winning book 'The Explorer'. We will experience the highs and lows of being lost in the Amazon Rainforest with the characters Fred, Ija, Con and Max. We will also investigate the problem with palm oil production as we focus on a range of Global Goals to try and fight climate change. Our letters will demand a solution to one of our planets major problems: deforestation



## Science

Our first topic of this Spring will be animals including humans. We will explore the human body and compare it with a range of different mammals and other life forms. We will explore gestation periods and how mammals develop during their early lives. Next, we will focus on living things and their habitats, including working with our bees!



## PE

This half term, we are practising our attacking and defending skills in hockey. We will be working on our dribbling, passing and shooting skills before applying them to game situations.

Next, we will move onto netball and basketball. Passing and moving is key in these two ball sports so we will be working on finding a pass and moving into space.

Children should bring their PE kit twice a week and must bring appropriate footwear



## RE

Our first RE topic will focus on Jesus' mission as we reflect on our own missions in life. We will consider our own Christian missions and how we can contribute to helping our world. Then we will explore the symbolism behind the Eucharist and why we remember the words of Christ. We will begin our journey towards Lent whilst we focus on the sacrifices we make.

## Geography

What is life like in Brazil? Why is deforestation happening? Why is the Amazon River so important? These questions and more will be explored during our geography topic as we visit Brazil! We will research the spectacular Amazon Rainforest before navigating the Amazon River. We will then move onto exploring the human geography of Brazil including trade, society and immigration.



## Computing

We will be working on a range of topics this term in computing including coding and online safety. How are games created? What programming is imputed? Which commands and sequences can we create? These questions will be explored through a range of challenges.

## French

Our first French topic is all about the wonderful food of France as we politely ask for different food items before expressing our opinions. Then we will move onto learning about towns and the different parts, buildings and locations.



## Art, Music and D&T

This term we will begin with an art topic learning about a range of art including Mola art. We will use printing and bright, vibrant colours to create art in the style of the South Americans. Then we will study the famous pop artist, Romero Britto. Next we will create bee hotels to try and encourage more bio diversity in Thornaby. We will use wood and other materials to create a stable, secure structure,

In music, we will be learning the ukulele! Hopefully by the end of 10 weeks we will be the



## Homework

All children are expected to read their school reading book every night or, if this is not possible due to other commitments, at least 3 times per week. This can include Reading Plus also. The routine for spellings is new and is consistent across the whole school. Children will now get spellings over two weeks now. These will be sent home in homework books on Friday and will be tested the following Thursday so please ensure you child practises these at home. There will always be a TT Rockstars battle to take part in also!

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## PSHE

During Spring term, we will be taking part in the Kids Safe programme with Mrs Thomas. The programme explores looking our bodies and minds whilst also exploring how to stay safe both online and in the real world.

