



Blue Jays



Newsletter Term 2

Stories

This term in Blue Jays class our topic is going to be stories; so we are going to be looking at many different stories from places around the world. Including Russia, Japan, Scandinavia and Africa. We will be linking this in with our Geography and learning the locations and capital cities of many major countries around the world. We will take an in depth look at the different regions of Italy and how they are all broken up.

In ICT we will be implementing the knowledge we learn from Geography into the program Scratch. We will be making our own interactive animation to explain all of what we have learnt.

English

The English Skills we will be focusing on this term will be implemented in all of our writing. The main focus of the term will be around using speech in our writing and including all punctuation. Furthermore, we will be starting to use more fronted adverbials and prepositions in our writing.

Children will continue to have opportunities to borrow books from the library and receive books from our Reading Rebels scheme. We ask for your support to listen to your child read. When reading please take time to ask questions about the book read: What characters were in the story? Which words did the author use to describe the characters or settings? In an information book what features can you spot? (Contents, index, glossary, subtitles, diagrams etc.)

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term and be displayed on the website. Children will be tested on these words on Fridays. It is important that your children are able to spell these words and, even more importantly, use these spellings in their independent writing.

Brain Builders

Brain Builders are sent home on a Friday and support the learning in class. There is also the expectation that Brain Builders are completed to a high standard. Please return Brain Builders by Wednesday to allow time to share them with the class and for them to be marked!

Maths

This term in maths we will be continuing our learning around subtraction. We will also be developing our methods of multiplication and division. Furthermore, we will be starting to look into shape and how we calculate area.

Every morning in Blue Jays, we have a mental maths session. This term we will be working on our 4, 5 and 6 times tables. Every Friday we will also have a 'Big Maths' test, this is to improve the children's multiplications. We ask for your support and encouragement to practice these with your children.

Things to have in school

Please send your child with a water bottle- it is shown that water and being hydrated can help concentration!!

As the weather gets colder we recommend you send your child in with a coat.

Support

If you would like any support and guidance to support your child's learning please feel free to come and speak to Mr Watts.