

SPRING TERM 2

IN HAWTHORN

TALK 4 WRITING

We will kick off the term using a short animated film as our stimulus for writing. The story of Alma is a dark narrative about a young girl who is tempted inside a mysterious shop full of dolls. We will continue to work on developing language; describing settings, characters and atmosphere, integrating dialogue to convey character and advance the action.

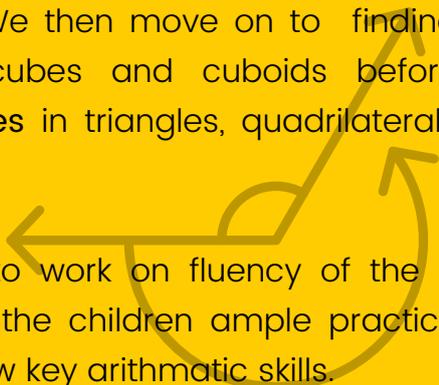
After that, we will use our learning around Brazil in Geography to inform our non-fiction persuasive writing to create a leaflet encouraging people to visit the colourful country.



MATHS – NO PROBLEM

In Spring two, the focus in Maths moves on to calculating the area of rectangles, triangles and parallelograms. We then move on to finding the volume of cubes and cuboids before investigating angles in triangles, quadrilaterals and then circles.

We will continue to work on fluency of the 4 operations, giving the children ample practice to recap and review key arithmetic skills.



SCIENCE

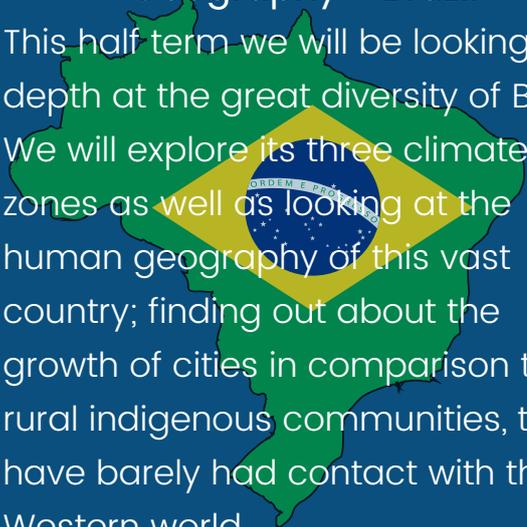
In Science we are learning about Light: focusing on how it travels using vocabulary such as reflection and refraction whilst deciding if it moves in straight lines. We will investigate shadows, mirrors and the refraction of light through water. Finally finishing by answering the question: What colour is light?

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 23.2.26 - Inset Day
- 25.2.26 - Parent consultations (1)
- 27.2.26 - FOSMAS cake and uniform sale
- 2.3.26 - Open Classrooms @ 2.45pm
- 2-6.3.26 - Book Week
- 5.3.26 - World Book Day
- 3-5.3.26 - Learn to ride a bike sessions (1)
- 11.3.26 - Parent consultations (2)
- 12.3.26 - Y6 Science Made Simple - Music to my Ears show @ Charterhouse
- 23-27.3.26 - Learn to ride a bike sessions (2)
- 27.3.26 - FOSMAS Easter Egg hunt
- 27.3-12.4.26 - Easter Holidays

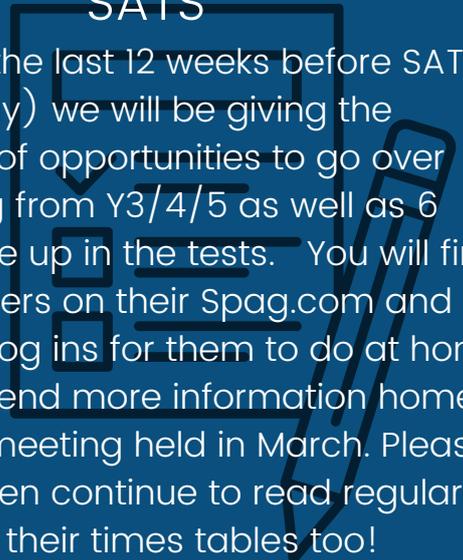
Geography – Brazil

This half term we will be looking in depth at the great diversity of Brazil. We will explore its three climate zones as well as looking at the human geography of this vast country; finding out about the growth of cities in comparison to its rural indigenous communities, that have barely had contact with the Western world.



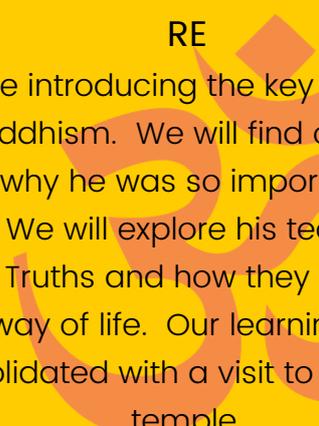
SATS

As we enter the last 12 weeks before SATS (11th-15th May) we will be giving the children lots of opportunities to go over prior learning from Y3/4/5 as well as 6 that will come up in the tests. You will find practice papers on their Spag.com and Maths.co.uk log ins for them to do at home and we will send more information home at the SATS meeting held in March. Please ensure children continue to read regularly and practise their times tables too!



RE

In RE we are introducing the key principles and beliefs of Buddhism. We will find out who Buddha was and why he was so important to many Buddhists. We will explore his teachings on the four Noble Truths and how they might affect a Buddhist's way of life. Our learning on this topic will be consolidated with a visit to a local Buddhist temple.



PE

In PE we are covering Dance and Tennis this term unleashing our creative talents to make our own dance moves and routines and practising our forehand and backhand skills in our tennis lessons with PSD! Wimbledon here we come!



HOMEWORK

Year 6 weekly homework is as follows:

- Spag.com – grammar and spelling exercises
- A set of 10 spellings to learn and practise on Spelling Shed.
- Maths.co.uk practice exercises recapping topics
- Times table practice using Times Tables Rockstars.
- Daily Reading for at least 30 minutes: please ask them lots of questions about why characters do things and how they know expecting evidence from the text?



PSHE

Spring 2 PSHE focuses on Healthy Me. Thinking about taking responsibility for our own actions, it will cover a range of topics including drugs, exploitation, gangs and emotional and mental health.



MORNING PRE-TEACH

- Some of the children will be invited to morning pre-teach groups to support or challenge them with their learning.
- To ensure these are effective please ensure your child is ready to start promptly at 8.30am and attend regularly.



Computing

Our Spring 2 unit in computing introduces the learners to spreadsheets. They will be taught to organise data into columns and rows on spreadsheets and to create their own data sets. They will learn how to use formulas and other functions of Microsoft excel to solve a range of real-world problems.

