

Acorn update – Monday 1st June 2020

Good morning everyone,

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and had fun in the sunshine! It was so hot wasn't it! I had to do my gardening early in the morning or after tea because otherwise I was just too hot. I wonder if you have a paddling pool or if you had a water fight. I also like reading and having a snooze outside when it is warm! My nephew had his birthday and he had a camp out in his garden with his family, which I thought sounded lots of fun!

I have had a chance to look at all the Purple Mash work you have been doing over the week and how well and how hard you are working on your number bonds to 10 and 20. I know the games are fast, but remember, you can always write your bonds down first to look at and help you. Use lots of practical objects to help you as well – it is not cheating at all.

New topic

So, our new topic is Rio de Vida! It is all about Carnival and celebrations. This is what I have put on the website:

Dancing feet, step to the samba beat. Shake it, shimmy, hands in the air, wave your flags in the cool night air. Come join the party down in Rio, keeping the rhythm with your party shaker. Bright colours, patterns and feathers. Can you make a headdress or party mask? Read beautiful stories from Brazil. Let's get down to Rio where football is king, and practise our skills on golden beaches. We should make street food and celebration cakes and enjoy fabulous music and songs. Bem-vindo ao Brasil os meus amigos.

It will such a great topic and we will do our best to make it brilliant even though most of you will be at home learning.

Topic work:

Have a look at the YouTube link and the carnival pictures, which I have attached.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-03w8JF8bg>

Here is a clip teaching Blue Peter presenters how to samba, I thought you could have a go with your families! <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z7db4wx>

See what else you can find out about the Rio Carnival – draw, write or make something to show what you have learnt.

Now, think about the different things that people celebrate, including events in your own lives like birthdays, weddings, christenings etc. Make a list of all of the celebrations or festivals that they can think of and describe what happens at these special times or you could draw pictures if you prefer and write a label for each one. I have attached some pictures of festivals and celebrations you may want to talk about.

Note: Celebrations to think about could include personal ones, such as birthdays, weddings and christenings; religious ones, such as Christmas, Eid or Hanukkah; and seasonal celebrations, such as May Day and the harvest festival.

In Science this term, we will be learning about plants and flowers. See if you can plant a seed, bean, tomato plant, flower and talk with an adult about what you need to do to make sure it grows. Look after your seed, bean, plant or flower and watch it grow. You could take a picture or draw a picture of what it looks like each week. Think about what it needs to grow and using pictures and labels to record this.

English this week is all about sequencing stories, thinking about characters and extending sentences. I have attached the spelling list and dictation for year 1 also.

Maths is week is all about money, symmetry, addition, subtraction and grouping in tens.

Work on purple mash:

- Bonds to 10
- Bonds to 20
- Flowers – make a vase of flowers using symmetry
- Reflections – make a colourful reflection picture thinking about the Rio Carnival colours and patterns.
- Spellings for year 1 – un prefix
- Phonics for FS – ff (ending)/l
- Plant diary for you to complete once a week for 6 weeks.

Make sure you also head over to the French and Music page on the school website where Mrs Perkins has planned some music using body parts for rhythms and French rhymes and songs.

I hope you enjoy our new learning, you are all doing really well, well done.

Take care and stay safe

Miss Blake