



Class Barbados Termly Newsletter

Spring Term 2020



Class News

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a great Christmas. Thank you once again for the lovely cards and presents- they were very much appreciated. Class Barbados learning focus over the next full term will be firmly rooted in History, Science and PSHE. This exciting learning is based on the golden age of the Benin Kingdom in Africa, electricity and understanding our diverse world and how we can become positive members of it. Full details are available in the curriculum map attached. As always, if you feel you could enrich the learning of Class Barbados with your own knowledge or if you have any interesting artefacts for us to study, please let us know!

Physical Education

This term, PE will take place on a Thursday and Friday, however having the correct **Winter PE** kit available in school throughout the week is essential, in case of any unforeseen changes.

Instructional Videos- Maths

As of next Friday, the Class Barbados staff will be putting step by step instructional videos on parent hub. These will cover the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Please have a look at them and help reinforce this learning with your children.

Year 6 SATs preparation

Over the next few months, a number of interventions will be put in place to help support our year six children in English and Maths and enable them to achieve the best possible outcomes as they end KS2 and prepare for secondary school. They will offer an opportunity for the children to be supported in areas that they find difficult in a smaller group setting. Further information will be sent out in due course.

Class Barbados's Value of the Term- Respect

This half-term, Class Barbados will have a focus on our school value of 'Respect' and the wide variety of different ways we can show respect and how we can continue to be positive role models of this value for our younger pupils in preparation for the transition to secondary school. Excellent examples of this will be represented on our recognition board in the classroom.

Weekly Spellings

Improving our knowledge of spelling patterns is going to be a firm focus for Class Barbados in the coming term. A copy of your child's weekly spellings will be stapled into their diaries (Y5) or stuck into their spelling book (Y6). Please continue to support and encourage your children to practice these at home.

Being safe on the Internet and Social Media

Primary aged children have access to a wide range of online and digital experiences, so at Ancaster Church of England Primary School we place an emphasis on teaching the children how to protect themselves when engaged on the Internet. As children grow up they become more and more involved with the internet, on social media and online games. This means it is vitally important that both parents and teachers monitor online activities and educate our children on how to behave and stay safe online. Further information on this is available on the E-safety section of the school's website and this will be a firm focus of Class Barbados's learning this term.

I hope you find this information useful. I will be available on the playground before and after school each day. Please do not hesitate to catch me if you have any questions.

Best Wishes, Mr Swain