



OYSTERCATCHERS

Our topic this term is: **Brazil**

Brampton Ellis Church of England Aided Primary School

NOTICE BOARD

Outdoor P.E. is every Monday and Friday. Children must come to school in their PE kit.

HOMEWORK

Children all have a Times Table Rockstars account, which we encourage them to use as often as possible. As part of the Y4 curriculum, they are expected to be fluent in all times tables up to 12 x 12 by the end of the year.

Children also have reading records for any reading done at home. These will be checked daily and children will receive a team point for every time they read.

Oystercatchers have their log in details for Bedrock Vocabulary and it would be great if they could try and log on once a week at home.

They will also be getting a weekly spelling list to take home and practise.

Ask your child:

- How do we round a number to the nearest 100?
- What happens in Holy Week?
- What continent is Brazil in?

ENGLISH

This week we started to read our class novel 'Journey to the River Sea', and began by using the cover and blurb to make inferences. We then practiced our retrieval skills by answering questions from chapter one. We also did some deeper work in to inferring the emotions of a character. We finished the week by considering how the author's word choice can give a negative or positive impression of a character and applied this to writing our own character descriptions of Miss Wynn, both in a positive and negative light. Oystercatchers worked hard on editing and improving their work.

MATHS

In Maths this week our focus has been on rounding. We began by rounding to the nearest thousand, then hundred and then ten. We finished the week by doing all three in one lesson and making sure we could confidently switch between them. Oystercatchers learnt a rhyme which can help them with their rounding, which I'm sure they'd love to share with you!

SCIENCE

Our science topic is 'Sound'.

This week in Science, we began our new Science unit by thinking about what a sound is. We enjoyed going on a sound walk outside to see what we could hear around school. We then learned about how sound is made and explored making different noises and looking through a magnifying glass to observe vibrations.

Spanish: In Spanish this week, Oystercatchers began a new unit of 'In the Classroom'. We were joined by Mrs Zabeleta, who helped with our pronunciation.

RE: The children learnt about Peter's betrayal of Jesus and we thought about what it means to stand up for something we believe in. The children tested their communication skills by working in groups to look at different statements and decide how strongly they agreed with them.

Topic: We started our Brazil topic by thinking about what we already know about Brazil. We then went on to using maps to locate Brazil and locating the countries it shares a border with.

PE: In PE with Mr Bennett, Oystercatchers practiced their hand-eye co-ordination skills, and the fundamentals of throwing and catching. Oystercatchers also enjoyed a second PE lesson with Mr Allen.

Art: This week in Art, the children looked at examples of street art. We had some great discussions about the meaning of the images, as well as talking about the colours that were used.

PSHE: In PSHE, we thought about friendships. We used a resource called the friendship circle and considered how some people are in our inner circle and some further away. We discussed how it is normal to be closer to some people than others and how relationships change over time.

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