



Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a restful break.

We have a very exciting and action packed half term planned. Our main topic this half term is called 'Go Bananas'.



We will be learning about where in the world bananas are grown, what Fair-trade means and how we can help support the farmers. We will focus on St Lucia and its geographical features and climate, comparing them to Great Barford, and discover the journey of a banana. We plan to have a special day when we will be flying to St Lucia to explore the Caribbean food and culture.

We also plan to have a Fruity day where the children will be able to try a variety of fruits and learn a few facts about them.

We aim to teach as much of our curriculum through our topic and in addition will be covering the following:

- English lessons will be focusing on the stories from different cultures. We will be comparing them, retelling the stories and writing our own.
- In Maths we will be following the National Curriculum, and where appropriate will link this with our topic. This half term we will focus on division, and measurement (time).
- In Science we will be learning about living things and their habitats. The children will begin to understand the importance of what animals need to survive, the different habitats they live in and how they can adapt to different habitats.
- In PE we will be covering dance and gymnastics.
*Puffins PE lessons will be on a **Tuesday and Friday afternoon**. Please ensure your child has appropriate kit including trainers or plimsolls. It really helps us if, on PE days, long hair is tied back and if earrings are taken out before coming to school.*
- In ICT we will be focusing on questioning.
- In PSHCE we are focusing on 'Going for Goals' setting our own long term and short term goals.
- In RE we will be thinking about rules and routines.

Mrs Donnelly will be teaching Music and R.E. on Thursday afternoons.

This half-term's value is courage.

There will be a 'Drop in session' every other Wednesday from 3:00pm until 3:15pm whilst the children are in assembly. This is a time for you to catch us, look at your child's work or discuss any minor concerns. If you have something that is more private I am always available at the end of the day or you can make an appointment with me.

I am looking forward to an enjoyable and inspiring half term,

Mrs Brown.