

# SHERWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## YEAR 2 SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER



### KEY VOCABULARY

<b>minibeast</b>	" <b>Minibeast</b> " is a term for a variety of invertebrates, including spiders, ants, butterflies, bees, wasps, flies, woodlice, and many others.
<b>habitat</b>	the natural home or environment of an animal, plant, or other organism
<b>lifecycle</b>	the series of changes that a living thing goes through from the beginning of its life until death
<b>rainforest</b>	a forest found typically in tropical areas that receives a lot of rain.
<b>favela</b>	a Brazilian shack or shanty town.
<b>import</b>	to bring (goods or services) into a country from abroad for sale.
<b>export</b>	to send (goods or services) to another country for sale.
<b>climate</b>	the general weather conditions usually found in a particular place.
<b>carnival</b>	a public event or celebration, typically held outdoors.

### SUMMER 1 2024

Welcome back after the Easter break. We hope that you had a relaxing holiday, ate lots of chocolate and have returned to school raring to go!

### YEAR 2 BRAZIL DAY

We will be holding our annual Brazil Day on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May. More details to follow!

### READING BOOKS

Please remember that reading books are changed on a **Tuesday** and a **Friday** each week.

### KS1 SATs

This year, KS1 SATs have become non-statutory. As a school we have decided to still administer the tests to help with teacher assessment and support children with their transition into KS2.

More information on this can be found here:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eaf9ae62ff489bab87b32d/2024\\_Information\\_for\\_parents\\_optional\\_tests\\_at\\_the\\_end\\_of\\_key\\_stage\\_1.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65eaf9ae62ff489bab87b32d/2024_Information_for_parents_optional_tests_at_the_end_of_key_stage_1.pdf)

### KEY KNOWLEDGE

By the end of this half term, we would like the children to be able to name and locate the seven continents and find Brazil on a World Map. The children will discuss weather patterns and changes in regards to the equator and the northern and southern hemisphere. They will compare the UK to and key features like the Amazon river and the Capital city Brasilia.

### THIS HALF TERM WE ARE READING

This half term for our fiction text, we will be reading the story of Paddington in our English lessons. The children will write their own Paddington story based on what they have read. We will also be reading our non-fiction texts: Living in Brazil and The Big Book of Bugs to help support with our wider curriculum topics.

### WRITING FOCUS

Our writing focus this half term will be looking at and recapping using apostrophes for contracted forms, such as **don't, can't, wouldn't, you're, I'll**. We will also recap on the different word classes and will select, generate and effectively use nouns. We will also test our memories by adding suffixes -ness and -er to create nouns, for example **happiness, sadness, teacher, baker**. We will try to remember the rules for adding these suffixes to verbs. We will also be encouraging the children to independently proofread and edit their work.

### KEY MATHS SKILLS

In Maths we will recapping on the different methods used when solving addition, subtraction, division and multiplication questions. These methods can be found [here](#) if you wish to practice these at home. We will also be looking at telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes. Again, any practise of this at home would benefit your children. Children will also be looking at word problems and highlighting key words which will help them solve the problem. We will also be looking at position and direction, recapping on fractions and statistics.