



Fabulous Fiji



Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. Our topic for this half term is called Fabulous Fiji. We will be looking at the geography of Fiji and comparing it to Thorney Island and we hope that we will be able to really immerse ourselves into understanding Fijian culture. If you have any first-hand experience or knowledge of Fiji then please do get in touch, as we would love to know even more!

Kind regards
Harry Harms



English



This half term in English, we will be looking at autobiographies. We are going to be looking at a wide range of different autobiographies by a variety of people. To help your child with this unit you could read through some autobiographies or biographies suitable for children at home and discuss how they are different to what they might normally read.

Maths



In Maths we are going to be using our times tables A LOT. We are going to learn to –

- Use our timetables to answer larger multiplication and division problems
- Use the inverse to solve missing number multiplication and division problems
- Find equivalent fractions

Science

In science we will be learning about sound. How sound travels and how it can be changed.

A website you can explore sound on is:

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/Science/sounds.html>



History

This half term, as part of our work on Fiji, we will be looking at the history of the British Empire and the subsequent Commonwealth. We will be exploring and discussing topics such as; its formation, the impact on people who lived within it, the end of the Empire and discussing the positive and negative results of this.

HOW CAN I HELP AT HOME?

Maths

Your child knowing their times tables will ensure that they make good progress in all the areas of maths we are studying this term. This fluency can be achieved by practicing times tables with your child as often as possible. **(5 minutes a day will make a huge difference).**

The Government Multiplication Check is approaching and children are required to know all of their times tables, with a rapid response to each question asked required. We are practicing as much as we can within the classroom, but this also needs to be done at home too.

Times Tables Rock Stars is a brilliant way to practise your timetables.



English

- By supporting your child to read **every day**. Please write comments in their reading record book each time they read and ensure they bring their reading record in every day.
- Discuss what your child has read with them – What has happened? Why did that happen? Why is a character feeling a particular way?
- By practising your child's **spellings** with them and recapping previous spellings that have been taught

Homework: Your child will be set a Menu Style Homework to run throughout the half term. Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested the following Friday.