



# Turquoise Class Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2

Class teachers: Miss Ward and Mrs Roberts  
Teaching Assistants: Mrs White and Mrs Addison

**Our theme for this term is:** What is our Wish for the World?

**Our core reading texts are:** 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin

'Gregory Cool' by Caroline Binch

### English

#### **Reading: 'Wonder'**

We are enjoying a story about a boy who is going to school for the very first time and the worries he has due to 'being different'. We learned more about VIPERS to analyse the story. Ask me what these mean!\_

#### **Writing: 'Coming to England' and 'Gregory Cool'**

This term, we have written diary entries as a child from Trinidad who moved to England in the Windrush Generation and stories as a narrator, learning the difference between first and third person.\_

**GPS:** Fronted adverbials, expanded noun phrases, inverted commas, possessive apostrophes.\_

### Maths

#### **Place Value**

We built on our knowledge from Term 1, understanding and investigating the value of different digits. We have compared and ordered numbers with up to 4 digits.

#### **Addition and Subtraction**

We have used number lines to support us in using mental addition and subtraction. We have also looked at formal written methods to add and subtract.

### Science

#### **Living Things and their Habitats**

We became experts in the use of classification keys to help group, identify and name a variety of living things. We learnt about the 7 characteristics of a living thing (MRS GREN). Then we made classification keys to identify local invertebrates. Finally, we made observational drawings and a large-scale group drawing of an insect.

### Humanities

#### **'What is our wish for the world?'**

We have learnt all about islands of the Caribbean, understanding the difference between human and physical characteristics.

Along with this, we have explored traditions, food and culture, enjoying Jamaican music, exotic fruit and then turning our experiences into an eye-catching information leaflet.

### Art/DT

#### **Van Gogh/Mechanisms**

We have explored the artwork of Van Gogh and have used mechanisms to build an exciting Christmas card!

#### **R.E: Why is the Bible important for Christians today?**

We looked at which stories are special and why. We also found out what we can learn from sacred books.

**PSHE:** 'Jigsaw Piece 2: Celebrating Difference'\_

#### **Please remember....**

Your child comes to school every day and on time ready to learn.

Your child is wearing the correct uniform and has the correct PE kit in school.

Your child reads x5 times a week

#### **Computing: Internet Safety**

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we have used this term to focus on the dangers of the internet along with TTRockstars challenges to improve our times tables.

#### **P.E: Handball**

We have discovered the differences between the 5 passes in handball and when they are most effective.\_