

Hello/ Habari



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break with your families and are well rested. Although it has been a short week it has been jam packed with lots of exciting activities including our **Sparky Start Day**. As you can see from the photographs on the following pages the children had an amazing time learning about Brazil through carnival activities.

This term we are focusing on '**Great Explorers**' as our whole school theme. Our focus this half term, is on **geography**, this year we have learnt about our own community of Hartford in the Autumn term, about UK countries in the Spring term and now we are exploring further afield with Brazil. If you have any connections or resources with Brazil we would welcome your support.

Our **Learning Leaflets** and **Enquiry Organisers** for this half term, have been sent via email earlier this week, they are also on **Tapestry** in the **memos section** and on the **school website** [see to the right for links]. We hope that alongside this **weekly newsletter** you are well informed of what your child is currently learning.

[Reception website page](#)
[Year 1 website page](#)
[Year 2 website page](#)

Hopefully, everyone has had a **Parent Consultation** at the end of the Spring Term or this week for parents of children in Year R. We do hope these meetings were helpful, we always reflect on what information has been shared from home as we believe you are the 'first educators' and know your child best. Please use **Tapestry** to show us what they are able to do at home independently with their homework activities to help us with our assessments. If you can feedback on our **survey**, we would greatly appreciate your time.

Have a lovely weekend, fingers crossed it remains warm and the sun pops out!

[Parent Consultation Survey link](#)

Best wishes, Mrs Rae Lee [Headteacher]

Pre School/Shule ya Awali

Preschool will be continuing to explore their book 'The Gruffalo' with activities linked to retelling, rhyme and exploring. They are having fun with the new mud kitchen.

Year R/Mwaka R

Class 1 and 2 will be finding out more about the range of animals that live in a Brazilian rainforest and comparing them with British wildlife in next week's **enquiry**. The children will continue exploring their new **Literacy** book, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen and will retell the story using lots of props.

Year 1/Mwaka 1

In **Class 3 and 4** next week we will explore more about Brazil in our **geography** sessions. We will also learn about using a question mark in our **English** lessons by practising writing questions that start with 'who', 'what', 'why' and 'where'. In **maths** we are learning about capacity. Our new English book is 'When the Crayons came to school'.

Year 2/Mwaka 2

Next week in **Class 5 and 6** we are excited to continue our work about Brazil through our **geography** lessons. We will be thinking about the cold, warm and hot climates in relation to the equator and how Brazil relates to these. Also we will be finding out about the geographical features of Brazil. In **reading** next week we will read the poem, 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg, so that we can participate in group discussions.

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School Uniform/Sare ya Shule

As you know we are a reflective school, we have listened to some parents with concerns regarding the children changing into PE kits in school and following advice from the local authority PE guide have decided to revise our position and from Monday 25th April, we will expect that the children **come to school in their PE kits on their designated PE day**. This must be **black/dark blue shorts or leggings** and a **white or pale blue coloured top and sweater** which match our uniform colours. Children should have **suitable footwear** for running and climbing outside in the playground e.g. trainers. I do hope this measure helps all children feel comfortable with PE sessions, thank you for your feedback we really do appreciate it.

The children will wear their normal uniform on all other days, even on Forest School days, although do ensure they have **long sleeves** and **covered legs** on these days because of the shaded area, nettles and creatures the children will be around. We will also be outside on the field at lunchtimes so appropriate footwear is advised with socks. Some girls like to wear cycling shorts under their summer dresses for cartwheeling activities. Finally, PLEASE name all **sun hats** and ensure children wear long wear sun cream. We are unable to facilitate putting on sun cream during the school day. **Thank you for your support.**

Dates for Diary/Tarehe za Diary

Monday 2nd May	School closed for May Day
Friday 6th May	Stay & Play for New 2022 Reception children [9:15am on the front playground]
Friday 27th May	Jubilee Celebrations in school [more information to follow]
Monday 31st May-Friday 3rd June	Half Term

Junior School /Shule ya Kijana

You may be aware that Mr Steve Davis the current Headteacher of Hartford Junior School is moving on to a new position with the DEMAT Trust at the end of the term. Following the interviews at the end of the Spring term, the Cam Trust and Junior School Governors have appointed Mrs Sue Wright the current Headteacher of Jeavons Wood Primary School as the Executive Headteacher for Hartford Junior School and Jeavons Wood, she will work closely with me as the Headteacher of the Junior School alongside my current role as Headteacher of Hartford Infant and Preschool. I look forward to working with all the children, staff and parents of the two Hartford Schools.

