

## Thrive Base Newsletter - Spring 1

Welcome back! I hope you all have had a lovely and restful Christmas break!

This term our topic is *Around the World*. We will be exploring a different continent each week. The continents we are exploring are:

- \* North America
- \* South America
- \* Europe
- \* Africa
- \* Asia
- \* Australia

In North America we shall be cooking up brownies, creating our own totem poles and having a go at making our own dream catchers. In South America we shall be making our own musical instruments and getting messy by making Jungle slime. In Europe we will talk about our worries and create our very own worry dolls, and research Mount Vesuvius to create volcanoes! In Africa we shall be making hand drums and having a scavenger hunt in the nature area finding safari animals. In Asia we will be making origami animals and making cardboard tube dragons. In Australia we will be exploring aboriginal art and making boomerangs.

The Thrive Approach supports the notion that the outdoors is an ideal location for carrying out Thrive work, as it provides a wealth of opportunities for both open-ended and structured learning. With this in mind we have been utilising our outdoor areas; the playground, trim trail and weekly Nature Area trips.

As well as structured Thrive activities and play opportunities, the children also complete their class English, Maths and Phonics in the Thrive Base daily.

As you can see the children have a busy term ahead of them!

From  
Mrs Chapman, Miss Griffin and Miss Maine