



Our learning unit is...



Brazil and Carnivals



Literacy

In Literacy and in our guided reading and writing sessions, we will look at a range of different texts, including:

- Tuesday - an adventure story that uses few words
- Changing our viewpoint on a text
- Information texts about Brazil
- Playscripts.

We will be using high quality texts to support our English curriculum.

Your child will also take part in reading, sentence and spelling activities during Guided Reading sessions throughout the week.

Maths

Maths and mental maths sessions will be focussing on:

- counting from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100
- solving problems using number facts, place value, and more complex addition and subtraction
- writing and calculating statements for multiplication and division for tables they know
- recognising, finding and writing fractions of sets of objects
- adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator (e.g. $5/7 + 1/7 = 6/7$)
- telling and writing the time from an analogue clock, including using Roman numerals from I to XII, and 12-hour and 24-hour clocks
- drawing 2-D shapes and making 3-D shapes
- recognising 3-D shapes and describing them
- recognising angles as a property of shape or a description of a turn
- identifying whether angles are greater than or less than a right angle
- identifying pairs of perpendicular and parallel lines.

Science

The children will be learning about minibeasts and their habitats. We will be also be comparing how different sounds are made and how sound is affected by different states of matter.

Other Information:

PE Days

Children will need their outdoor kits on Mondays and swimming kits on Thursdays. Please check they have suitable footwear and that all kit is named.

Water Bottles

Drinking water regularly, throughout the day, hydrates the brain and helps your child to learn. Please ensure they have a water bottle in school and that it is taken home and cleaned on a regular basis.

Suggestions to help your child at home...

Please see your child's selection of Learning Log activities to help support your child's learning over the half term.

Homework

Your child will receive weekly spellings on Mondays. They will be tested the following Monday. They will have times tables to learn and will be tested weekly.

Reading Books

Your child should have three reading books that should travel between school and home each day - a guided reading book, a library book and a parallel reader (more advanced readers may have two library books rather than a parallel reader). Please support your child by hearing them read at least three times a week and asking them questions on what they have read. When your child reads, please ensure that their reading diary is completed and that it is brought into school every day. Your child will earn a team point when they have read three times. We encourage the children to change their books on a regular basis. If you notice that a particular book remains unchanged, please let us know.

Our learning during this unit will include...

PE

Swimming
Outdoor PE - Basketball

Geography

The children will explore the South American country Brazil. We will be looking at how they live and what the landscape is like. Later in the topic, we will look at the Olympics and how Rio are preparing for it. We will be comparing our local forests to the Amazon.

History

We will be comparing Ancient Civilisations, in particular looking at the Mayan Civilisation. Later in the year we will be learning about the history of ice-cream!

RE

In RE, we will be looking at the concept of wisdom. We will be learning about Guru Nanak as well as other Gurus.

Personal, Social and Moral Education

As part of our PSHE curriculum, we will be looking at bullying and the importance of saying no to bullying. We will be also discussing what makes a good friend.

French

Children will be continuing to learn and extend their everyday vocabulary. We will revisit our skills from the first two terms and look at sports.

Art & Design Technology

We will be developing our sketching skills this term and applying them to textiles. As part of carnival work we will make headdresses and costumes. In DT, we will be tasting and making Brazilian street food. Later in the term we will also be making smoothies and ice cream!

Computing

The children will use computers to create non-fiction and learn about coding.

Music

Our music will be led by Mrs Watling, the Hampshire Music service teacher for some sessions. The lessons will be based on the theme of the Samba.