



# Carnival de Brazil!

## Our Topic

Our Spring term topic, Carnival de Brazil, will allow the children to explore this South American country through learning about its location, culture and traditions. We will be kicking off this term's learning with a Brazilian Carnival themed day where the children will be taking part in various activities including a samba dance workshop, lead by DanceDays, smoothie tasting, carnival head dress making and creating some Brazilian art linked to Christ the Redeemer or Brazilian wildlife.

We will be reading the story 'The Explorer' as our class novel during this term and we will also look at poetry using the books 'A is for Anaconda' and 'The Great Kapok Tree'.

## PE

We ask that children have their full PE kit in school **at all times** and only take them home at the weekend and during holidays.

## Homework

In Year 3 and 4, we have high expectations with homework and expect it to be handed in on time and to a high standard. Children in Year 3&4 will be expected to:

- Regularly read at home. At least three times a week. Teachers will check the children's home school diary at the end of each week.
- Learn their weekly spellings to be given out on a Friday to be completed for the following Friday.
- Complete a weekly homework activity, linked to something we have recently covered in class. This will also be handed out/collected in on a Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.

**The Year 3 and 4 Team**

Geography	In Geography, we will be exploring the location of Brazil within the continent of South America and making comparisons with the UK. We will be using atlases to develop our map reading skills including how to use grid references and using symbols as a key. We will also be looking at the different biomes in Brazil as well as looking in detail at the Amazon river and the impact of deforestation within the Amazon Rainforest.
Science	Over the course of the 'Carnival de Brazil' topic, we will be learning about 'Animals' and 'Plants'. We will be conducting lots of investigations; growing our own plants and observing the movement of water in a flowering plant!
DT	For our Spring 2 DT focus, Year 3 and 4 will be delving into Brazilian-inspired cuisine. We will analyse existing Brazilian food which will then use to help us plan, make and evaluate our own 'Pão de Queijo' and Brazilian salsa.
Art	In Art, we will be creating our own neo-pop art work inspired by the work of Brazilian artist Romero Britto.
Computing	In Computing, we will be coding – learning about Sequence and Animation in year 3 and Variables in year 4. After half term, we will be improving our skills on Microsoft office.
PE	In Spring, we will be focusing on developing skills in invasion games and gymnastics. In Spring 2, we will improve our skills in Brazilian dance and net & wall games,
Music	We will be continuing to developing our singing skills this week as well as creating our own Brazilian instruments.
Spanish	In Spanish in year 3, we will be learning basic greetings, how to ask people how they are and classroom instructions. In Spanish in year 4, we will be learning how to describe people and their clothing.
RE	In RE, we will be learning about Hinduism and understanding why and who Hindus worship.
PSHCE	In PSHCE, we will be looking at how we make ourselves and others happy. We will also be looking at why having a group of friends is important and what makes a healthy friendship.

## Creative Homework

Here are some suggestions for some creative activities linked with our current topic for your child to complete at home.

Make a Brazilian Flag	Create a 'Visit Brazil' brochure.
Make or try some Brazilian foods.	Design your own carnival outfit.
Research a famous Brazilian.	Make a carnival mask.