

## Welcome back!

This term we are working on our topic about Brazil. We will learn all about the country and its physical and geographical features. We will be considering how life can be very different in Brazil, from life in the favelas to life in Rio de Janeiro.

Very best wishes

Mr Clyne and Mrs Doe

## Homework

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home. This term we will continue to use the homework grid that includes 40 Things, as well as subject-based homework tasks and the compulsory weekly Maths task and weekly spelling tests. We also ask that you continue to encourage your child to read on four separate days each week and to record this in their reading record.

## Creative Curriculum

This term, we learn all about Brazil's geography and different features. We make comparisons between life in the favelas and life in richer parts of the country and learn why people choose to move from more rural parts to urban areas. We also learn about Fairtrade and its impact on Brazil and the world.

## DEAL

Where possible, we will be incorporating exciting and inspiring DEAL (drama) activities to help the children learn more about our topic and further develop their vocabulary.

# SOUTH AMERICAN ADVENTURE

## English

This half term we are reading 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. This is an exciting adventure story set in the Amazon rainforest. We are using this book to inspire the children to create their own stories, where they will use suspense, dialogue and action to weave together a new chapter of the book. We are also learning about persuasive language techniques in order to design an attractive and exciting brochure to promote Brazil and write persuasively about important subjects.

## Maths

This half term, our main focus is on multiplication and division and the relationship between the two. We are learning about multiples and factors, prime and square numbers, plus how to apply these facts to use in mental calculations. We will also be focusing on area and perimeter of shapes

As always, we will be consolidating key skills before applying them in problem solving and reasoning tasks. Practice of mental maths, including times tables, will continue this half term.

## Computing

We will be further developing our coding skills using Purple Mash.

## Science

This term we are studying forces by learning about and investigating gravity, friction, air resistance, water resistance, as well as interacting with pulleys and gears in order to see and feel the forces in action.

## Art & Design Technology

We will be using oil pastels to create a beautiful favela picture, complete with a stunning backdrop of Rio's Sugarloaf Mountain. Following this we build on the initial drawing by scaling the image up and using 3D art to bring the image to life. Our artist focus is on Friedensreich Hundertwasser, an architect and visual artist known for his colourful images of buildings.

## PE

This term we are swimming on Tuesdays and have our outdoor games with the sports coaches on Thursdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these days. For swimming, can the children please be 'beach ready' to save time getting changed at the pool and remember to bring a healthy snack too. They will also need trainers in school every day for other outdoor activities.

## RE and PSHE

Our RE this year focuses with Christianity and why the teachings of Jesus are important to the world.

Our PSHE work will focus on respect.

## Music

We will be listening to a popular piece of Brazilian music and using it to create our own rhythms and sounds.