

Welcome back

This half term we will begin our topic on Brazil. We will learn about where Brazil is and what its physical features are. We will then consider life in the capital Rio de Janeiro, including in the favelas. Many of our lessons across the curriculum will be linked to this topic!

Mrs Doe and Mrs Vaughan

Dates for your diary

Monday 19th February: residential meeting– Year 5 classrooms

Wednesday 27th March 2:30pm Year 5 classrooms to showcase this half term's learning.

Homework

Thank you for your ongoing support with your child's learning at home.

This half term we will as usual use a homework grid .There will be a compulsory weekly Maths task and we will continue with weekly spelling tests. Please continue to encourage your child to read on four separate days each week, and sign the book weekly. Please also support your child with regular times tables practise—it really does make a huge difference!

English

This half term we will look at persuasive writing. The children will be using the techniques they learn to produce a tourist brochure for Rio de Janeiro as well as a letter to persuade someone of their point of view Grammar will be taught once a week and consolidated in our reading and writing. In addition to this, children will be reading in groups and be encouraged to visit the library to support regular independent reading.



Wish you were here?

Maths

This half term we will begin with multiplication and division, consolidating understanding of written multiplication methods , including long multiplication. We will also learn formal written methods for division calculations. We will then return to work on fractions, learning about fractions as operators and finding fractions of amounts. Finally, we will begin our work on decimals which starts with understanding the link between decimals and fractions.

Science

Our Science topic is Forces, where we investigate different types of forces and consider when they are useful. There will be a lot of opportunity for practical work, experimenting with friction, air resistance and water resistance .

Art & Design Technology

We will use Rio landscapes as inspiration for both oil pastel drawings and sculpture. We shall also be learning about the work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser.

Music

We shall be listening to and playing 'samba' rhythms as well as learning songs associated with Brazil

Computing

We will be designing and creating our own computer games using Purple Mash, as well as continuing with work on being safe internet users. We will also use the Chromebooks for topic research.

PE

Swimming continues on Mondays, with our outdoor games lesson with the coaches on Tuesdays. Please make sure your child has the correct kit on these

RE and PSHE

This term, we will focus on the big question: Why do people believe in God?. We shall think about how people from different religions show their beliefs as well as challenges they may experience.