

Art and DT

In art we will be designing our fabulous Carnival carts. Once we have designed our carts we will use shoeboxes, mod rock and other equipment to create our carts ready for our exhibition before half term. After half term we will be studying Brazilian artist Lygia Clark and creating collage geometrical pieces.

Music

We will be learning about beats and rhythms, then looking at samba music. In the second half term and studying a piece of music by the Brazilian composer Villa-Lobos, called 'The Little Train of the Caipira'.

English

We continue to work with a Talk for Writing approach which enables children to imitate the language they need orally, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version.

This half term, we are using Oliver Jeffers' beautiful book 'Here We Are' to help the children think about their place in the world and support their transition into a new year group. We will be writing poetry, letters, film scripts and advertisements. Our work with this book will incorporate local government, climate change and the Black Lives Matter movement.

Next term, the children will be looking at non-fiction texts and creating an information booklet with Geographical facts about Brazil. We will look at how to organise and present information. Alongside this, we will continue to teach the grammar, punctuation and spelling objectives from the Year 5 curriculum.

Spider and Tortoise Class

Autumn Term 2020: 'Carnival'

Wellbeing

Wellbeing is a priority for all of us at St Benedict's. The week beginning 5th October is our whole-school wellbeing week. We will be looking at various ways of improving our wellbeing, looking at both physical and mental health.



Maths

In maths we use the 'White Rose' mastery approach to support our planning and teaching. This term, we are starting with place value, then moving onto the four operations (\times , $-$, $+$ and \div). We will also look at statistics and measurement. Maths homework will be set online on SumDog.

Science

This half term, we will be learning about forces such as gravity, friction, water and air resistance through designing and testing 'Fairground rides'.

History

History will be our focus for the first half term. We will be studying the Gunpowder plot and its role in the origins of Somerset carnivals. We will also use local history sources to learn more about the origins of our world famous local tradition.

Geography

After half term we will be studying the (very different) carnivals held in Brazil. We will be looking at the physical and human geography of Brazil and learning about their cultural traditions.

PE

In PE we follow the 'Jasmine Active' PE programme which meets all National Curriculum requirements through a range of activities and games designed to enhance children's physical skills. PE is on a Monday (Spiders)/Tuesday (Tortoises) and Thursday (athletics taught by TLE sports coach) but we also do regular 'Mile Runs' to encourage regular physical exercise.