

## Art and DT

We will be using Art and DT skills to create moving toys using cams. Our toys will be based on the Somerset Carnival carts with their brightly coloured designs. After half term we will be learning about the 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'.

## PSHE and wellbeing

Wellbeing is a priority for all of us at St Benedict's. In our PSHE lessons we will be exploring how to work as part of a larger team, and keep ourselves healthy physically and mentally.

## 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 will be looking at poetry, with a focus on similes, metaphors and descriptive language. We will move on to writing balanced arguments.

After half term, we will be looking at writing stories, using a fictionalised version of the football Pele's life story. We will also create a non-chronological report on Brazil.

Alongside this, we will continue to teach the grammar, punctuation and spelling objectives from the Year 5 curriculum.

## Spider and Tortoise Class Autumn Term 2021: **CARNIVAL**



## History

We will be learning about the history behind the Somerset Carnival– the Gunpowder plot and resulting nationwide celebrations and how they developed. We will be looking at primary and secondary sources and how we can look at bias in sources.

## Geography

Our Geography work will focus on a comparison and contrast between Brazil and the UK. We will learn about the physical and human features of Brazil, use atlases to find Brazil and discover what countries it borders. We will learn about the climate of Brazil, its major cities and the Amazon rainforest.

## Maths

In maths we use the 'White Rose' mastery approach to support our planning and teaching. This term, we are looking place value, addition and subtraction, then moving onto multiplication and division. Homework will be set weekly on Sumdog and we encourage all parents to support with times tables facts, as these underpin so much of the children's learning.

## Science

This half term, we will be learning about forces, looking at gravity, air resistance, water resistance and friction. We also look at mechanisms including levers, pulleys and gears, linking this to our DT

## 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 Thursday but we also do regular 'Mile Runs' to encourage physical exercise. The children will soon start swimming classes on a Wednesday morning.

## RE

In the Autumn term, we will be exploring what the Bible says about what God is like, investigating the Christian belief in Jesus as "God is with us" and considering how humans have a duty to care for God's creation (linked to current environmental issues). We will also be investigating different versions of the Nativity.