

Art and DT

We will be using Art skills to create acrylic paint representations of the planets and space in the first half of Spring term. After half term, 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.

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'.

Spider and Tortoise Class

Spring Term 2020: **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 use atlases to find Brazil and discover what countries it borders. We will learn about the climate of Brazil and the Amazon rainforest.

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. We will be studying the picture book 'Tuesday' and writing our own stories based on it.

Then we will be learning about the problems of pollution and creating persuasive letters. After half term, we will be learning the traditional Brazilian story 'The Best Tailor in Pinbaue' and writing a 'quest' tale based on it. 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.

Maths

In maths we use the 'White Rose' mastery approach to support our planning and teaching. This term, we are looking at multiplication and division, moving onto fractions, decimals and percentages and perimeter and area. 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 Space including learning about the planets and their features, as well as the movements of the moon. Then we will move on to properties and changes of materials.

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) and Friday (Tortoise).

RE

In the Spring term we will be learning about Judaism. We will investigate what Jews believe about God, the covenant (God's agreement with Abraham) and the Tenakh (Jewish scriptures including the Torah).