



## Class 2

# Summer Term Newsletter 2



Hello Parents and Carers,

I hope that you had an enjoyable half term.

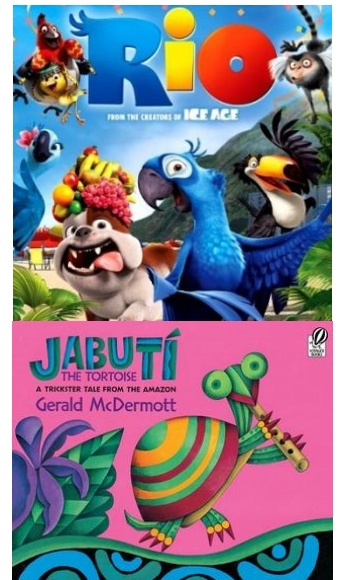
With the Olympics taking place in Rio de Janiero this year we have chosen the half termly theme 'Carnival'.



### English:



Brazil forms the context for learning this half term. We will be using the computers to research Rio De Janiero and animals that live in the Amazon. This will help us to complete a range of written activities including a non-fiction report. We'll also read a selection of stories set in Brazil and watch clips of 'Rio' to inspire our writing. In our writing we will be learning how to make sentences longer and more exciting by using varied punctuation and a range of conjunctions. We'll continue to learn when to use apostrophes and will practice adding suffixes to words. Towards the end of term we will practise using descriptive language when writing poetry and using expression when performing poetry aloud.



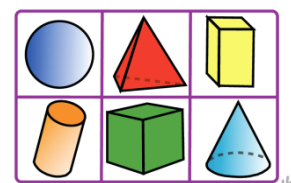
### Maths:

This half term we will look at the value of 2 digit numbers and learn how to partition them into different combinations of tens and ones. Year 2s will then use rounding to help them to estimate an answer when adding two 2 digit numbers whilst Year 1s will practise their number bonds to 20. We will practice telling the time to 5 minute intervals, focussing on the 'to' side of the clock. We shall then investigate how differing amounts of money can be made and learn how to find a fraction of a number. Towards the end of term we shall revisit the properties of 3D shapes. Problem solving activities will be weaved throughout. KIRF challenges are on **Wednesday** mornings.



Year 1 – Number bonds to 20

Year 2 – Multiplying and dividing by 5





### Science and Computing:



We shall be looking at the names and properties of different materials. We will investigate which materials can change shape and find out which is the stretchiest type of material. We will carry out a range of experiments linked to freezing, investigating which materials are best at preventing things from melting. We'll also be considering the importance of fair testing. We'll then use the computers to create a bar chart to show and present our findings. Towards the end of term, we will learn about the materials we recycle, how and why we recycle and try to make our own recycle paper!



### Geography and D&T:



In Geography, the children will use atlases, maps and computers to further their knowledge about Brazil. We'll locate Brazil and its main cities on a map and investigate Brazil's seasonal and daily weather. We shall then look at the physical and human features of Rio and compare city life there with life in Thorp Arch. Towards the end of term we will make and try some traditional Brazilian food.



In D&T, we will plan, design and create a head dress suitable for the Rio Carnival and will make and decorate a musical instrument. We will then evaluate our products, thinking about how we could improve them next time.



### P.E:

In P.E this half term, we will listen to some carnival musical and work in small groups to create a dance which will then be performed. We shall also be practising for the skipping competition which is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June from 1-3.30pm. I would appreciate any adult helpers who may be able to come along. Please let me know if you can.



### R.E and Music taught by Mrs Weale:



The topic for RE is 'Caring for our World'. The children will listen and re-tell the Christian story of creation and will learn how the creation of the world is told in other cultures and faiths. The children will also consider how different faith groups come together to celebrate and protect the world.



In music they will listen to some samba music and create their own samba drumming rhythm.



The weather seems to be getting warmer (fingers crossed) so please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school **every day**.



If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss them.



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