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Welcome back to Summer 2!

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school everyone and summer term 2. I hope you have enjoyed your half term break and are looking forward to the new half term.

In class 2 we are looking forward to having lots of fun learning new things and consolidating our learning so far. This half term our topic is Rio de Vida. We have lots of exciting things planned and more information will follow. We will be enjoying exploring and learning about Brazil and all of the local traditions within this country! Please keep an eye on our section of the school website to find out about all the exciting things we are doing in class.

Just a few notes for your diary. Homework and spelling lists will continue to be given out on a Monday. We expect these back in school for a Friday morning. Reading books will continue in line with our phonics programme. Thank you for your continued support with reading at home.

We are continuing our daily phonics lessons, please ensure children are at school to start these lessons at 8:45am. You will continue to receive phonics books daily too. Once again please return these to school each day.

Finally, PE kits! Please send in a PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school throughout the week. We will return this home on a Friday. Our PE days change each half term depending on available coaches in school.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Many Thanks

Rebecca Aspinall

Rio de Vida



Put on your dancing shoes and get ready to party in Rio!

This half term, we'll dress up in bright clothes, hang out the bunting and enjoy a carnival party! Afterwards, we'll write about our carnival experiences, compose carnival poetry, create vibrant dances and play carnival rhythms. We'll learn to speak some Portuguese (the official language of Brazil), study maps and globes to locate Brazil and decide what it would be like to live there. As we learn more about Brazil, we'll explore famous legends, follow recipes to make Brazilian carnival treats and scour non-fiction books for fascinating facts. Reflecting on what we have learnt about Brazilian culture, we'll think about celebrations in different parts of the world and decide why people celebrate. We'll also create colourful collages, cards and carnival bunting. Brazilian sporting excellence is paid tribute to when we take the time to practice and hone our sporting skills ready for a mini-Olympics.

At the end of our project, we'll perform songs, lead a language class to teach Portuguese words and phrases to our family and friends and create an exhibition of our work to share with you.

ILP focus	Music
English	Poetry, myths and legends, information texts, instructions, postcards
Music	Carnival music, percussion, song lyrics
Art & design	Carnival masks and headdresses, collage
Computing	Digital animations
D&T	Carnival instruments, flag making, recipes
Geography	Locating countries and cities, comparing areas of UK with Rio
Mathematics	Recognising 2-D shapes
PE	Dance, football, athletics
PSHE	Special times, understanding differences, what is fair and unfair?

Help your child prepare for their project

Celebrations are exciting for everyone. Why not look through some old photos together and talk about any celebrations taking place in the pictures? You could also plan a party and choose the decorations, food and music together. Alternatively, use a children's atlas to discover countries around the world. Read the name of each country carefully and find out what it would be like to live there.