What we are learning: Your child's learning question for this half term is, 'Are all structures mega? What we are learning:

Your child will be learning about the key features of Brazil and Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio.

Key Questions: Does everyone live in a house? How tall is the tallest structure? megastructures

Home Learning Challenge

For this topic, we will be asking that your child and a family member design a rainforest in a shoebox. All shoe boxes need to be in school by Monday 14th October and the winner will be announced during the Carnival party on the 17th October. Literacy, Communication and Language Genres This half term we will be reading and exploring the book, 'The Kapok Tree'. Children will be learning how to write a letter and looking at and designing an environmental poster. They will be learning how to use persuasive language in writing and developing their understanding and usage of noun phrases. This year the children will be accessing an online phonics and spelling programme called 'Monster Phonics. They will be learning sound groups and developing spelling strategies.

Megastructures

Are all structures mega?

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<u>Maths</u>

Children will be learning about recognising place value. Children will also be learning about place value, working with tens and units and simple addition and subtraction. All children will be either continuing their learning or beginning to learn times tables.

Physical, Emotional Health and Wellbeing In PE, we will be learning about dance and in particular we will be practising 'Samba'.

Reminder - PE kit must be black shorts, white round necked t-shirt and black plimsolls. We thank you for your continued support with this. In PSHE, your child will be learning, how diverse families can be as well as body awareness.

Understanding of the World

Presentation of Learning The children will be inviting parents into school on Thursday 17th October at 2pm for an assembly and then to join in with our Carnival themed party. Geography is our main curriculum area for this topic. The children will be learning key facts and features of Brazil and in particular Rio and its diverse environment. To support their understanding. They will also be comparing and contrasting their own environment with that of Brazil paying particular interest to the different manmade structures in their community.

In computing, your child will be developing their keyboard skills through; touch typing, finding short cuts and navigating word processors.

In RE children will be learning about Christianity and The Creation.

Expressive Arts and Design

D.T. will be designing and redrafting headwear for a carnival. In music children will be learning about pitch, rhythm and timbre as they discover how to make Samba music.

In Art children will be learning about the painter Henri Rousseau (1844-1910) and in particular his famous work -Tiger in a Tropical Storm. The children will be learning how to recreate their own version of this painting using a variety of mediums.

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