

## Monkton CEP School

### **Class 2 - Dragonfly Class Newsletter**

*'Every child is special'*



Welcome to Term 4. This will be an exciting term with a great topic with lots of opportunities for Art and Music. We also welcome Mrs. Smith to our class who is on her final placement as a Student Teacher.

#### **Our Creative Curriculum - 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! 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. 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. Brazilian sporting excellence is paid tribute to when we take the time to practice and hone our sporting skills.

#### **English**

**Linked to Rio de Vida** (expect Book Week)

Poetry

Myths and legends

Information texts

Instructions

Postcards

#### **Core Texts:**

Race the World - Rainforest Relay by

Kristin Earhart

Molly Goes to Rio De Janeiro by Chris

Oler

Jabuti the Tortoise by Gerald McDermott

#### **Mathematics**

##### **Length and Height**

Measuring

Comparing

Word problems

##### **Shape**

2d and 3d shapes and their properties

##### **Fractions**

Equal parts

Recognising and finding halves, quarters and thirds

Equivalent fractions

#### **Science**

Love to Investigate unit:

What makes the loudest sound?

Do all balls bounce?

Linked to Materials and their properties

#### **Computing**

Last term we focused a lot on computing

by making amazing PowerPoints and

focussing on Safer Internet Day. This

term computing will be taught through

our work on Brazil.

## RE

### Salvation - Why does Easter matter to Christians?

This includes looking at The Big Frieze and what salvation means and why Christians believe they need saving as well as looking at the Easter Story and why it matters to Christians.

## PE

The children will be working with our sports coaches and Miss Jenks. They will be looking at Netball. The after-school club will be cricket.

**PE Day is a Thursday.**

## Foundation subjects

### Rio de Vida

**Design Technology** - Carnival instruments; Making flags; Following recipes to cook foods from Brazil

**Geography** - Locating countries and cities; Comparing areas of UK with Rio de Janeiro

**History** - History of Brazil carnivals and buildings

**Art** - Carnival masks and headdresses; Collage

**Music** - Carnival music and percussion instruments

**PSHE** - Don't rub it in, rub it out - HeartSmart Scheme

## Vocabulary

Below are some words that the children will come across during their learning:

### Maths

Fraction

2D

3D

Quarter

Half

Third

Height/length

### English

Myths

Legends

Non-chronological

Layout

Fiction/Non-fiction

Mnemonics

Rhyme

### Rio de Vida

Brazil

Portuguese

Patriotism

Rhythm

National anthem

carnival

Samba

serpent

percussion

## Dates for the diary

**2.3.20 - 6.3.20 - Book Week** Join us at 8:40am on **3.3.20** for a reading session, **5.3.20** Fancy dress join is at 2.30 for our parade.

**6, 13, 20<sup>th</sup> March** - Forest School - please provide layers and wellies for this as still very muddy.

**30.3.20** - Homework projects due, feel free to bring these in sooner if this is easier

**30.3.20** - Rock Steady concert - 2.30pm

**31.3.20 - 2.30pm** Join us for a Brazilian celebration