

# SPIRIT OF SAMBA



Year 5 Summer Term

## English

Set deep within the Amazon rainforest, 'Journey to the River Sea' is the compelling story of Maiya and her journey into the unknown. Maiya's story will aid the children's creative writing as they learn to describe a character's feelings through actions and speech. Children will consolidate the use of speech punctuation and will continue to use a range of sentence types. In the second half –term, we will travel to North America and use Louis Sachar's story 'Holes' as inspiration to write a setting description and an explanation text. The children will showcase all of the Year 5 skills this term including colons, semi-colons, parenthesis and relative clauses.

## Maths

Children will consolidate their understanding of the formal written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. A real focus for children throughout Year 5 is the ability to interpret a question and solve a problem using their reasoning skills. When working with fractions, children will learn how to find equivalent decimals and percentages. In geometry, children will be able to find missing angles and sides of composite rectilinear shapes as well as find the perimeter and area. Children will be able to understand the units of measure for length, mass and volume and will be able to convert between different measures.

## Wow Event!

Carnival Day!

## Humanities

**History** Children will learn about the history of Rio Carnival and other South American traditions.

**Geography** Using atlases, children will locate South American countries and learn about the physical and human characteristics of the continent. They will learn about imports and exports as well as the impact humans are having across the continent including deforestation of the Amazon rainforest.

**RE** What does it mean to be a Muslim in Britain today?

**Languages** Children will learn vocabulary for fruits and vegetables. They will be able to recognise these in a written text and use them in simple dialogues with their peers.

## Computing

Children will learn how to use search technologies effectively and be discerning when evaluating digital content. They will create and export an interactive presentation. Children will also use 'Garageband' to create a four chord song as well as a remix of a popular song.

## The Arts

**Music** Children will compose, perform and evaluate music linked to South American Samba.

**Art & Design** Children will design and build a mechanical Amazonian animal in D&T. In art, they will learn about South American artists, Briana McCarthy and Eduardo Kobra, and create artwork using their styles.

## PSHE

Children will learn how drugs common to every day life (such as caffeine, nicotine, alcohol and medicine) affect our health and wellbeing. They will also explore what jobs they would like to have when they are older.

## Science

Linking to our study of the Amazon rainforest, we will be learning about the reproduction in some plants and animals. Children will explain the stages of mammal, amphibian, insect and bird life cycles and will make comparisons between them. Children will develop their understanding of properties of materials and will learn that some reactions are reversible while others are irreversible. They will conduct practical experiments to demonstrate that dissolving, mixing and changes of state are reversible changes and they will discover how to recover a substance from a solution. They will also investigate how mixtures might be separated using filtering, sieving and evaporating.