

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Spring term 1 - 2026

Year Two

This half term our theme is...

Brazil



Welcome to the beginning of spring term of Year Two. We hope the children have had an exciting and restful Christmas break! Thank you for your ongoing support and we look forward to continuing working together this term.

We would like to take this opportunity to tell you all about the exciting half-term ahead. This newsletter is where you can find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home.

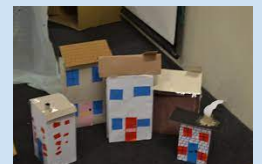
What are we learning during this theme?

Our topic this half term is Brazil. Brazil is the largest country in South America bounded by the Atlantic Ocean. We will learn about tropical rain forests in Geography.



As Scientists, we are studying animals including humans. We will find out how animals survive and how they progress from babies to adults.

Our Design and Technology topic is making free standing structures where we will build a model of a house.



In Art we will be weaving materials and looking at the German artist Gunta Stolz, whose art work includes weaving.

In PE this half term, we will be focusing on gymnastics and sending and receiving skills - concentrating on rolling, kicking, throwing, catching and tracking. These lessons will still be on a *Thursday*.



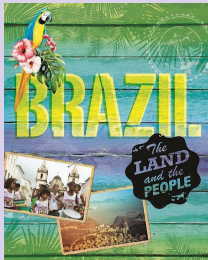

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

To kick start our topic of 'Brazil' we will be having a Brazilian Day on Friday 9th January. The children are invited to dress up in brightly coloured clothes on this day. Children will have the opportunity to make Brazilian jewellery, masks and instruments, try the local cuisine as well as learn to dance like the Brazilians do.

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, please make sure you read together at least 5 times a week. When your child has completed a book, please support them to complete an Accelerated Reader Quiz. There will be Spellings to learn and Maths and Reading Comprehension activities to complete in their CGP homework books on alternate weeks. Your child also has access to Times Tables Rockstars where they can practise their times tables. We would love for the children to participate in our regular SumDog competitions, where they will have the chance to earn a certificate. All children now have access to NESSY - a spelling and reading app. You can log onto all these through the Children's Hub and use your child's username and password, which can be found in their Reading Log books.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning:

<u>Things to do:</u>	<u>Books to read:</u>	<u>Things to watch:</u>
<p>There will be plenty of books in your local library that you can borrow to learn about Brazil.</p> <p>Lots of Brazilian art work is full of vibrant colours.</p> <p>See if you can make a picture in the style of a Brazilian artist like Romero Britto</p>  <p>Or colour in a picture with bright colours in the style of Lobo (an Artist)</p> 	<p>Why not pop to the local library and loan out some books that link to our theme?</p> <p>The land and the people Scholastic Shop</p>  <p>Brazil for Kids Baby Professor</p>  <p>The Great Kapok Tree Lynne Cherry</p>	<p>Youtube will also show you some interesting facts.</p> <p>National Geographic A website that gives you facts about Brazil.</p> <p>Brazil for Kids - fun Brazil Facts A video with 5 facts about Brazil</p> <p>Animals from Brazil KS1 Science STEM and Beyond A video about animals from Brazil.</p>

Research the Brazilian Flag
and make a flag out of
natural items.

