

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.

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.

Suggested text	Jabuti the Tortoise – Gerald McDermott
Memorable experience	Brazilian carnival day
Innovate challenge	Class carnival
English	Poetry; Myths and legends; Information texts; Recipes; Postcards
Music	Carnival music; Percussion; Song lyrics
A&D	Carnival masks and headdresses; Collage
Computing	Animation
D&T	Carnival instruments; Making flags; Recipes
Geography	Locating countries and cities; Comparing areas of UK with Rio de Janeiro
PE	Dance; Football; Athletics
PSHE	Special times; Understanding differences; What is fair and unfair?
Science investigations	What makes the loudest sound?