

Curriculum News

Year 6 Autumn Term 2016

**This term's Big Question is:
Beautiful Brazil v's Exciting England – which
country gets your vote?**

For the first two weeks of this term, we will be using L. S. Lowry's 'Piccadilly Circus' painting as an inspiration for our topic work. We shall write his biography and use his artwork to inspire observational and perspective drawings.

English. We shall be studying biographies, autobiographies, diaries and different types of fiction. Written work will focus upon developing sentence variety and the correct use of punctuation and grammar. *All of the children are looking forward to writing their autobiographies and short narratives.*

Maths. We will be working upon our mental strategies to develop our multiplication tables and division facts. We shall be applying the four rules of number to real life situations. Further work upon fractions, measures and shape/space will be explored. *6D and 6S are looking forward to beating their own scores on mental speed sheets up to 12x12. My Maths will provide exciting homework opportunities!*

Science. We shall be exploring biology, plants and animals (linked to the rainforests in Brazil) – learning a great deal about their processes, evolution, adaptations and diversity. The children will plan and carry out practical experiments.

Personal Social and Health Education. Through circle time stories and practical activities we shall explore rules and responsibilities. Emotions and anti-bullying will also be discussed. It will be interesting to learn about different diverse communities both in England and Brazil

Topic. Children will explore Brazilian lifestyle, culture, music and dance. Within Geography they will develop map work skills and learn about the differences in human/physical features between England and Brazil.

Music. Children will explore Brazilian music developing skills of graphics scoring and composition.

The children can't wait to play steel drums.

P.E. Children will learn and explore different styles of Brazilian dancing focusing on Samba. They will improve their invasion game skills in football.

R.E. The children will be focusing on Christianity. What can we learn from religions in deciding what is right or wrong?

Computing. In ICT children will be exploring e-safety and risks. They will begin to plan and develop their own App.

FRENCH We shall be learning about French food, masculine and feminine nouns and expressing their opinions.

Useful websites: www.topmarks.co.uk, www.rainforest-alliance.org/
School website www.griffield.derby.sch.uk