

**Year 2 Spring Term 2**  
Learning Together - Topic summary



# Brazil.



Here are some of the things your child will be learning about in this topic.

## English

We will be reading information books, story books and poems about rainforests. Following our rainforest research, we will be writing a non-chronological report about an animal from this habitat.

We will be debating the pros and cons of exotic animals in zoos and writing a persuasive letter as if they are a caged animal to their family in the wild.

## Geography

We will use websites and atlases to locate Brazil and the world's 7 continents and 5 oceans. We will compare Cosham and Brazil. We will find out where Brazil is in relation to the North and South Pole and the Equator. We will keep a weather diary to compare the seasons and daily weather patterns of Cosham and Brazil.

**Key Vocabulary:** continents, oceans, seasons, temperature, climate, South America, equator, precipitation, deforestation

## Maths

We will be learning about number, addition and subtraction with two-digit numbers. We will continue to work on multiplication and division. Children will need to use the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables in their work.

## Science

We will be learning about different habitats around the world, focussing especially on rainforest habitats. We will learn about the plants and animals that live in the rainforest and think about how these animals are adapted to survive in this habitat.

**Key Vocabulary:** habitat, desert, rainforest, climate, reef, seashore, Arctic, Antarctica

## Art

We will be looking at the artist Henri Rousseau and his jungle paintings and the contemporary designer Lucy Tiffany and recreating her jungle plant prints.

## DT

We will be investigating wheels, axles and chassis. Then designing, making and evaluating a wheeled mechanism.

## P.E and games

Ball skills with agility and balance

## Computing

Research skills and using pictograms to represent information.

## PSHE

Children will learn how to make friends and how to get help if they feel lonely. Recognise that body language can give clues as to how we feel and how to work collaboratively.

## R.E

The importance of Palm Sunday in the Christian Easter story.

## Music

Exploring instruments and musical notation.

## Important Dates

Infant Voices Festival (evening event at Portsmouth Guildhall, ticketed) Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March - more details to follow.

Last day of Spring term Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

## How you can support your child

Look at maps and locate the UK, South America and Brazil.

Research different animals and plants that are native to Brazil and the Amazon rainforest.

Discuss deforestation and how this effects the environment.

Find out about 'Fair Trade'. Look out for a Fair Trade sticker on food at home or in the supermarket.

Research the many designs of Lucy Tiffany and choose your favourite.