

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful summer and that you are refreshed and ready for the new term. Mrs Beagley (5L), Ms Small (5R), Mrs Mackernan (5S) and Mrs Maytham (5W) will be teaching the classes on Thursday afternoons.

A high standard of handwriting and presentation across all subjects continues to be a focus.

	Key question: Is life a carnival in Brazil? Great work: A Brazilian carnival
Topic	It is a geography-based topic with a focus on climate, urban geography, economy and culture. We will also be looking at food and tourism.
Science	Throughout this unit, children will consolidate their knowledge of forces. We will be answering the question: Who is Isaac Newton? They will use their understanding to explain a range of familiar phenomena such as gravity, friction and resistance.
Maths	Maths will focus on calculating efficiently and accurately for addition and subtraction as well as studying place value, decimals and new methods of multiplication and division. We will have a regular focus on multiplication facts, factors and products.
English	In English, the children will be using a range of stimulus to inspire their descriptive writing about urban favelas in Brazil. They will also be analysing the structure and features of instruction and information texts and writing their own, considering the different audience and purpose.
PE	Gymnastics: 5S/5W Wednesday mornings, 5L/5R Thursday mornings Games (Football): 5L/5R Wednesday afternoons, 5S/5W Friday afternoons. It is important that all children wear their full PE kit, including trainers, to school on these days.
RE	We will be exploring how the Christian message has survived over 2000 years.
Computing	'We Are Bloggers' – We will be looking at a selection of blogs before using a piece of software to create our own blogs about life in Brazil. E-safety will continue to be a focus.
Art	We will investigate the work of artists from Brazil looking at their use of colours and shapes and see how we can represent Brazil through art work.
Music	We will be exploring the rhythms and sounds of the Brazilian carnival, using different instruments to create a range of beats.
French	We will be preparing and practising a simple conversation, re-using familiar vocabulary and structures in new contexts and preparing a short presentation on a familiar topic.
PSHCE	In our PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) sessions, we will be exploring different feelings and emotions and developing our co-operative learning skills.
Trips	DT days: TBC Primary Proms at the Royal Albert Hall: Wednesday 9 th October

Maths homework will be given out on Mondays, to be completed for Friday.

Spelling lists will be issued on Wednesdays, to be learned for the following Wednesday in advance of a test.

Finally, Topic/English homework will be given out on Friday to be handed in on Monday after the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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