

Welcome back, we hope you all had a lovely Christmas Break.

We have had an exciting start to the New Year as we have moved into two Year One classes! The children in Maple class have settled into their new room very quickly and have made Mrs Phillips feel very welcome. Beech class are enjoying having lots of extra room and are talking about creating a new reading corner!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to come and speak to one of us.

Mrs Housden, Mrs Green and Mrs Phillips



Dates for the diary:

24th January – Recruitment Fayre

WB 27th January – Book Fayre

27th January - Hudson Family lunch

30th January – Year 1 Samba Workshop –see letter for

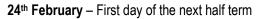
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30th January – Books before bedtime (5.30-6pm)

7th February – Year 1 celebration assembly

11th February – Safer internet day

14th February – Last day of term



This half term our theme is 'Rio de Vida'. We will be finding out lots about Brazil and focussing particularly on the Rio Carnival.



In **English** we will explore how rhyme and rhythm is used in carnival themed poetry. We will also learn about the amazing characters from Brazilian mythology, such as Saci-perere the playful wish granter and attempt to describe a creature of our own.

In **Music** we will be learning about a range of percussion instruments used in the Samba celebration. We will also be working together to create a song for our class mythical creature, which we will perform in our very own carnival.

Outside of our topic, in science, we will be sharing our knowledge of plants and investigating how plants grow by measuring and observing them closely.

In PSHE, we will be thinking about different things people celebrate including events in our own lives. We will also learn some phrases and greetings in the official language of Brazil; Portugese.

In Geography, we will be using maps to locate Brazil within the world. We will also look at pictures to give us an insight into Brazil's culture and human geography. We will compare this to our own lives and within Art and Design, attempt to replicate some of their traditions such as designing carnival masks and crafting the national flag.



In Maths, We will refocus on number and place value and revisit some of the concepts looked at through the year. Following this, we will be recapping the formal written methods for the basic operations and applying our skills to solve problems.



In outdoor P.E we are going to be learning the skills of football and in indoor P.E we are going to be learning how to dance the Samba!

Our P.E. days are Wednesday (Beech) or Thursday (Maple) and Friday. Please ensure children have full P.E. Kit (including outdoor wear) in school. P.E. Kits will be sent home at the end of each half term.



Some Year 1 routines & reminders:

Children are expected to read to an adult 5 times a week at **home.** Reading records will be checked on a Monday morning to complete reading reward raffle. If a child needs to change their **reading book** their book and record needs to be placed in the appropriate place within the classroom. Books will then be changed that day.

Home learning books will be collected in on a Thursday and sent out on a Friday with new home learning tasks. Home learning books should be in school every day as a communication device. If there is a note that



you would like an adult to read and respond to, please ask your child to put their book in the tray. We will do our best to respond on the same day.

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested on the following Friday. We will aim to record the score from spelling tests in the home learning books.

Please ensure children have a **water bottle** in school as this is more easily accessible than using the water fountain during learning times. School water bottles are available from the office.