



### **English**

As writers we will be creating alternative versions of the traditional Brazilian folk tale – Where the Night Came From. We will also be writing recounts of our topic and science activities.

### **Class Reading**

This half term we will be reading traditional tales from around the world.

### **Mathematics**

As mathematicians we will continue to learn our two, five and three times tables. We will learn about money and how to make an amount in different ways. We will begin work on measurement – of length, weight, capacity and time. We will also be finding out how to read different kinds of scales.

### **Science - What is our school made of?**

As scientists we will begin to explore forces. We will investigate wheeled vehicles and describe how they move at different speeds, slow down, speed up. We will ask scientific questions and answer some of them by planning and carrying out simple investigations.

### **Computing**

During computing, we will be developing our research skills in connection with topic and science work, as well as practicing phonics, reading and spelling.

### **PE**

In outdoor PE (Wednesdays) we will be taking part in games activities and challenges with our PE specialist from Hemsworth Academy.

## **Year 2 – Spring 1**

**Our topic will be:**

### **Where would you prefer to live: South America or England?**

#### **Geography**

As geographers, we will be using maps and globes to identify the continents and oceans of the world before studying geographical similarities and differences between the UK and Brazil. We will be comparing seasonal and daily weather patterns.

#### **Music**

As musicians, we will be learning about pulse and rhythm. We will explore using our bodies to find the beat of a song, looking at dance and using musical instruments.

#### **Art/Design Technology**

We will be making links to our topic by making sketches of South American landscapes and native animals. We will use papier mache techniques to make maracas. In Design Technology, we will investigate wheeled vehicles in preparation for designing and making some of our own.

#### **RE**

During our RE work we will be thinking about what it means to be a Muslim. We will learn about different beliefs and practices, including festivals, worship and rituals, and find out about the meanings behind them.

### **PSHCE**

During our PSHCE work we will be focusing on how we can motivate ourselves to achieve our goals and overcome obstacles. We will learn more about our strengths and how we learn most effectively.

### **Enrichment**

This term, we will begin our science topic about forces by investigating wheeled toys. Children will be invited to bring in scooters, skateboards or roller skates so that they can take part in time trials. We will encourage sharing so that anyone who does not have these toys will not miss out. Also, this term, we will spend an afternoon in Brazil, when we will be sampling typical South American food, making musical instruments, and learning samba drumming from our Year Five pupils.

#### **Important Information**

This half term Year 2 children will have outdoor PE lessons each Wednesday. Please could you ensure that a suitable kit is provided on these days. This should be black shorts and a plain white t-shirt, plus a school jumper combined with black track suit bottoms on colder days. Trainers will be needed for outdoor lessons.

For further information about uniform, please see:

<http://www.havercroftacademy.org/uniform/>

#### **Ideas for helping your child this half term**

- Read together as often as possible
- Help him/her to learn the two, five and three times tables.
- Use maps and atlases to learn about the continents and oceans of the world.