

What Makes a Country Rich?

Year 5 Spring Term 2026

Geography: Brazil

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English

Text Drivers

- The Explorer
by Katherine Rundell
- Interview With...
By Andy Seed

Learning Journeys

Narrative — Setting description of the rainforest

Letter — Informal letter to a family member by one of the main characters

Report — Interview with an Amazonian animal

Art: Painting

We will learn about Jorge Selarón and his colourful use of tiles in Rio de Janeiro.

We will then create our own unique tiles.

DT: Textiles

We use fabric scraps and sewing to create carnival headdresses.



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We encourage the children to **read 4 times a week** at home, as well as practising their spellings and times tables.

Wider learning at home

- Research the traditional stories about the gods of Brazil's indigenous tribes. Then, make carnival masks and then film yourself retelling these stories.
- Read about ActionAid's work in Brazil—write a letter to suggest how we could help raise funds for them. <https://www.actionaid.org.uk/about-us/where-we-work/brazil>
- Plan a three-week trip to explore Brazil. You will need to plan flights, accommodation and activities which explore a selection of the things that Brazil has to offer.

All of the Year 5 team appreciate the hard work you put in with your child. It really makes a difference!

English:

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We will be producing a range of writing including setting descriptions, informal letters in the role of a character and interview reports with an Amazonian animal!

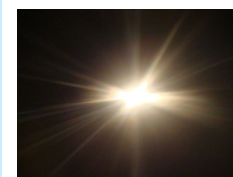


Maths:

We will be learning about the following things:
Fractions and Geometry; Subtraction and Addition involving whole numbers and fractions; Multiplication and Division; Measurement and Statistics.

Science:

We will be learning about light: investigating how it travels and how we see.



Art/DT:

Our DT unit we will be creating a model cable car with electronics and gears.
In art we will look at the work of Brazilian artist Jorge Selarón and create our own colourful tiles.



PSHE:

We will be starting an exciting new programme called 'My Happy Minds' which has a strong focus on Wellbeing and learning how our brains work.



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RE: We will be learning about the Qur'an and after the half-term we will look at the Easter story and some of the associated symbols

PE: This term we will be developing our skills in Dance and Gym.