

Topic

This term we will be looking at South America and our overarching enquiry question will be:

South America is all rainforests and the Amazon, isn't it?

Initially we will be looking at the geographical location of South America and its relation to the UK.

Following this we will be exploring the physical geography, including: climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts, rivers, mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes of the continent,

Finally we will investigate the human geography, including: types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food and minerals

Looking at these areas should allow us to start to decide on whether South America really is just a continent dominated by rainforests and the Amazon.

English

In Literacy we will be:

Writing stories with a twist, making sure we can create atmosphere and lead the reader to imagine a different ending before delivering an unexpected twist.

In addition to this we will be writing persuasive texts. We will be looking to use our writing skills to appeal to different audiences and use the written form to change peoples opinions. To do this we will be looking at the use of emotive language, expert opinion, flattery, detailed reasoning and overcoming counter arguments.

Following this we will be writing suspense stories and developing our ability to: build anticipation in the readers mind; create tension and deliver excellent description and settings.

Our final unit of work this half term will be focussed on writing discussion texts. We will look at how to construct balanced arguments; deliver the appropriate level of formality; use technical language and inform the audience of a variety of viewpoints.

Mathematics

In maths we will be covering the following areas:

- Dividing proper fractions by whole numbers
- The comparison and classification of geometric shapes based on their properties and sizes and find unknown angles in any triangles, quadrilaterals, and regular polygons.
- The ability to draw 2D shapes using given dimensions and angles.
- The description of positions on the full coordinate grid, all four quadrants
- The ability to draw and translate simple shapes on the coordinate plane and reflect them in the axes Associate a fraction with division to calculate decimal fraction equivalents, for simple fractions
- The ability to use formulae to calculate the area and volume of a variety of shapes

Additionally, we will continue to develop maths fluency, reasoning and problem solving skills through rich tasks and investigations.

P.E

Outdoor PE – We will be encouraging the development of a deeper understanding of sport and the roles involved in sports teams by studying striking and fielding through a sports education unit

Indoor PE – We will continue to develop our gymnastic skills

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Science

In science this half term we are looking at evolution and inheritance and will cover the following areas:

- recognise that living things have changed over time and that fossils provide information about living things that inhabited the Earth millions of years ago
- recognise that living things produce offspring of the same kind, but normally offspring vary and are not identical to their parents
- identify how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution

PSHE/ RE

We will continue to work on our circle sessions and use these to discuss how we are aiming to reach our goals and how we are comfortable with ourselves and our feelings

Computing, French and Music

We will continue to develop our computing skills across the curriculum, but will also be looking at coding. In music we will continue to look at popular songs by the Jacksons and will be covering how to describe our local area and where we live in French.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now into the Spring - how time flies! This is always the period in Year 6 when the amount of work and study for our Year sixes increases as we start our preparation for the end of Key Stage assessments.

Please look out for regular updates on booster sessions and information that the school will be offering to help support the children and build skills in preparation for the assessments.

Also, please try to encourage the children to focus on completing homework and tasks at home as these will help them build confidence and competence.

In addition to this, please continue to encourage your children to read for pleasure at home and record their summaries in the reading journals. I enjoy reading the entries immensely and watching them experience new and challenging texts is amazing.

Immersing themselves in new and challenging texts is one of the best ways for them to broaden their understanding of characters and the authors use of language and structure and this can aid confidence in writing hugely.

Please could you look out for email updates on a new and exciting writing platform (Pobble) that we are launching to help the children gain an audience for their writing and interact with other young writers.

An email has been sent to all parents and carers to give details and ask for permission for the children to be part of the programme. Please follow the link to register your consent and contact me in school if you are unable to locate the email.

Please do not hesitate to call or come and see me if you have any questions.

Mr Wilson

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