

Topic

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

Is South America just full of rainforests and the Amazon river?

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 which of these contribute to making a country great and we will work in groups to research specific countries and try and persuade others of their merits.

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 success and failure and how strong relationships can help us deal with these feelings.

P.E

We will be starting our Sport Education unit on striking and fielding where children will create their own games and work in teams to develop the skills to train and play in a competitive league and tournament. In addition to this they will officiate and analyse performance.

In addition to this, we will continue to develop our gymnastic skills in the areas of flight and vaulting.

English

In Literacy we will be:

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

Following this, we exploring narrative poetry by studying 'The Highway Man' by Aflred Noyes. We will look at how figurative language and narrative devices can entertain the reader. We will be using the dramatic story in the poem as a stimulus for us to write recounts .

In our final piece this term , we will be writing biographies and developing our ability to: link paragraphs and ideas clearly; use research information in our writing; and present information in an interesting way.

Mathematics

In maths we will be covering the following areas:

- Algebra and how to find missing values in equations
- The identification and use of the features of circle moving to calculating the area
- Creating pie charts, line graphs and bar charts
- Plotting and interpreting data in a range of charts and table
- Multi step problem and how to solve them using a combination of written and mental methods

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

We will also start regular SATs revision based on areas of low confidence.

Science

In science this half term we will continue to look 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.

Following the completion of this unit we will begin to look at describing how living things are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics

Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

Preparations for our end of key stage assessments are in full swing and we are working hard to support and boost children to help them feel confident with the upcoming tests.

Please check the revision timetables on the website for the coverage areas based on the guides. Encouraging the children to focus on completing the tasks at home will help them build confidence and competence; working with the children is a great way to support their development and assist them in consolidating some of the skills and knowledge they may be finding tougher to retain.

Pobble has been a great success and it is wonderful to see the children striving to become published authors. If you have some time look over the writing on Pobble to get a taste for the types of writing we are producing in class.

It has been great to see some of the children attending the early morning maths clubs and these will continue on Wednesday mornings throughout the half term.

Important dates for the diary:

Thursday 15.3.18	Robinwood Meeting
Tuesday 20.3.18	Parents Evening
Wednesday 21.3.18	Parents Evening
Friday 23.3.18	Sport Relief Day

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

Mr Wilson



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