

## **Topic: Discovering North America**

### **Writing**

In year 6 writing is not tested in the way that reading and maths is however in the Summer term children are expected to produce evidence of writing across a range of genre including non-fiction and fiction. The stimulus for the writing will come from other areas of the curriculum for example science, PSHE or stimulus from a book or video clip.

### **Reading**

In the weeks leading up to SATs children will be focusing on comprehension practice from a variety of texts and past papers. They will also be given will free reading opportunities (children will be able to bring in a book, newspaper, magazine etc from home to read and share with their friends.)

### **Numeracy:**

In numeracy children are now practising their skills in all areas of mathematics through a greater focus on reasoning and problem solving. This will prepare the children for their oncoming assessments and consolidated their knowledge.

### **Science:**

Our science topic is 'Living things and their habitats' where children will learn about grouping and classifying plants, animals and micro-organisms, some which are native to North America. They will recap their knowledge of broad groups of organisms before taking a much more in-depth look at the classification system, how it works and how different species of organisms that are closely related can be identified.

### **Homework:**

Spellings will be given out each Monday for the children to learn over the week for a test on Friday. We are grateful for any time you can spend helping your child learn their spelling words.

Maths and Literacy homework will be given on Friday to be returned no later than Wednesday. Any children who do not return their homework on time will 'catch up' on Friday afternoon at the beginning of 'Golden Time'. Please ensure

### **Geography**

The children are continuing their study of North America and its various geographical features comparing them with their own locality. Making links with maths, the children will look at time zones and travel as well as converting currency and measure.

### **Art/Design and Technology:**

We will be looking at artists, architects and designers linked to our topic. Children will develop skills in drawings of still life including shadows and reflections. Their work will also include historical studies of technical drawings, such as ancient architecture.

### **P.E.**

Within P.E this term the children will be learning skills in basket-ball.

### **R.E:**

The question we will be exploring this term is 'Why should people with a religious faith care about the environment?' Children will demonstrate an understanding of the impact of religious faiths on actions.

### **Music:**

We will be learning and practising new songs linked to the end of year performance. They will sing songs in tune by breathing well, pronouncing words, changing pitch to show control of singing.

Some children will play and perform in solo and all children in ensemble contexts performing songs in a way that reflects their meaning and the occasion.

### **ICT:**

We will be exploring Powerpoint and presentation skills in order to present their views and understanding of other areas of the curriculum including creating technical props for their end of year production.

### **P.S.H.E:**

Children will discuss and debate topical issues, problems and events eg the forthcoming General Election and understand that there are different kinds of responsibilities, rights and duties at home, at school and in the community, and that these can sometimes conflict with each other.

your child completes and returns this homework promptly to help their learning.

**Reminders:**

PE will be on Tuesday afternoon-children will be expected to have their full school PE kits (red shorts, white t shirt, grey or black, plain sweat-pants, training shoes). It is advised that PE kits come in on a Monday and are left for the duration of the week as other opportunities for sport may arise.

Children should have their own water bottle, clearly labelled with their name. Water bottles are available to purchase from the office at 50p each.

Children will be able to purchase a snack from our healthy Tuck Shop for 30p each. They will only be permitted to buy one snack each day.

The school day ends at 3:15pm. If you are running late or need extra childcare we have the afterschool club available, which is £4 for the first hour. Please speak to a member of staff who will happily assist you.

**SAT Revision clubs**

As you will be aware, year 6 children will be sitting their KS2 SAT tests from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May - 11<sup>th</sup> May. Therefore, we will continue to provide after-school booster classes for all children. These sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:15pm - 4:15pm.

During the week of SATs (8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May) we will be providing a free breakfast club every morning where children can come in to school with their friends and have a leisurely breakfast. The aim is to ensure children are relaxed and ready for the tasks ahead. We will be sending you a letter with details and the arrangements.

**Summer**

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**Year 6**



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