

Topic: South America

Literacy

This half term we will be focusing our literacy learning around the novel 'Journey to the River Sea' by Eva Ibbotson. We will be studying journalism and writing our own reports as well as newspaper reports and a letter linking to famous naturalist Sir David Attenborough. In addition, we will be continuing to learn and apply spelling, punctuation and grammar rules.

Maths

This half term, we will be studying fractions, decimals and percentages linked to our topic. We will learn to solve real life problems in context for example percentages of populations. Additionally children will be looking at statistics where they will interpret and then create their own line graphs. We will also be continuing our weekly maths investigations and mental recall of the four operations and facts related to times tables.

Design technology/Art

The children will use research to develop and design a model of a rainforest animal. They will evaluate their ideas against their own designs criteria and consider the views of others to improve their work. As well as that children will study fair trade links between the UK and South America. Children will create their own fair trade meal.

Music:

Our music lessons will be focusing specifically on composing by using ICT to make creative use of the way sounds can be changed, organised and controlled to create a piece of music that represents an area of South America.

Science

Our science learning will centre around animals and their habitats this half term. Children will learn about the amazon rainforest in South America exploring different plants and animals compared to humans.

PE:

The children will be working with a coach to develop their gymnastic and dance skills. Children will develop fluency, joining movements whilst performing. Children will practice skills regarding team encouragement, taking turns and collaboration.

ICT:

The children will be using ICT to create their own documentary. They will develop recording and uploading skills linked to Microsoft Powerpoint.

P.S.H.E / RE

To consider and debate religious beliefs against scientific beliefs eg. The Creation and evolution. Alongside the topic children will study how to stay safe online.

Geography

The children will be learning stages within the water cycle. We will also be studying how water can change the landscape of areas over time. Due to our topic 'South America' we will be looking at a range of landscapes across South America including the Amazon rainforest.

Reminders

- Please ensure all children have a suitable PE kit to be left at school at all times, for the entire half term. We occasionally are able to schedule additional P.E. sessions to enhance the curriculum.
- Children will need a water bottle, clearly labelled with their name. Water bottles are available to purchase from the office at £1.50 each.
- 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.

Homework

- Spellings will be given out on Mondays for the children to learn during the course of the week in readiness for a spelling test on a Friday. Other homework will be given out each Friday for the children to complete and return by the following Wednesday. We are grateful for any time you can spend helping your child learn their spelling words and practise their times tables.

Don't forget!

- We are always here to talk about anything you may be concerned about or to hear good news about your child. Please don't hesitate to come and speak with us.

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