

Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Spring Term 2 Newsletter



South America Class
Year 4



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful and healthy half term break with your families and friends.

Our P.E session is on a Wednesday this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day. Every Friday we are still lucky to have forest school. Please remember to dress appropriately or you will not be able to participate. Children still need to wear school uniform on Fridays but may bring in jogging bottoms to change into.

Please do get in touch with any queries you may have.

This Half Term's Learning

This half term our topic focus is Geography. We will be continuing our learning journey all about The Amazon.



English Learning Objectives

This half term we will be looking the wonderful book *The Vanishing Rainforest* where we will be creating some **narrative stories** about the interactions of the contrasting characters in the forest. The children will be looking at the features required for this particular writing style such a dialogue, and portraying a character indirectly by describing their mannerisms, facial expressions and appearance.

Following this we will continue looking at *The Vanishing Rainforest* where we will be writing a **balanced argument text** about the for and against views of deforestation, We will be looking closely at the structure of this, vocabulary to show our clear point and how to be fair and non-bias in our writing.

Reading Stars will continue each morning to develop the children's reading and comprehension skills.

Maths Learning Objectives

We will start the half term by looking at **fractions** where we will be recapping tenths and equivalent fractions and beginning to look into these in greater depth. We will then begin counting in fractions, adding and subtracting fractions.

We will then towards the end of term move onto **decimals** where we will be recognising tenths and hundredths as decimals as well as dividing 2 digits by 10 and 100. We will be using our knowledge of place value grids to help us.

Other curriculum areas :

In **Science** we will be learning about classification and environments. We will be learning about how we categorise plants based on their characteristics as well as looking at the changes within our environment.

In **Geography** we will be learning about the Amazon Rainforest and who lives their. We will also look at deforestation and the rivers within the Amazon.

In **DT** we will be looking bug hotels. We will use our skills of foraging in forest school and understand of habitats from Science to build these bug hotels around our school.

In **RE** we will be learning about why there is so much diversity of belied within Christianity.

We will be looking at using spreadsheets in this term of **Computing**, supporting our maths skills of fractions and decimals to do this accurately.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at our mind. Looking at how we can increase motivation, positivity and resilience.

Music will be led by our wonderful music hub and **P.E** from Mrs Greenland.