

Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Summer Term 1 Newsletter



South America Class
Year 4



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

Our P.E session is on a Thursday and Friday this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day. Children will be in P.E kits on Friday's therefore please bring, however every Friday we are still lucky to have forest school. Please remember to dress appropriately or you will not be able to participate.

This term we will be heavily focusing on our multiplication tables. Please make sure you are practicing regularly for our multiplication tables check in June.

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

This Half Term's Learning

This half term our topic focus is History We will be starting our learning journey about the Ancient Mayan Civilization.



English Learning Objectives

This half term our class book is **Charlie and The Chocolate Factory**. We will begin writing some explanation texts about a new invention for the chocolate factory. The children will be looking at the features required for this particular writing style such as causal conjunctions, relative clauses and formative language.

Following this we will continue looking at Charlie and The Chocolate Factory where we will writing a character profile about one of the characters in the book. After this we will be ending the term writing narrative stories based on a sixth golden ticket winner. We will be looking closely at the characterisation, vocabulary and the structure of 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 continuing to look at decimals where we will be recognising comparing, ordering and rounding decimals, as well as recognising decimals in halves and quarters.

Following this, we will begin to look at money where we will explore pounds and pence, ordering money and estimating costs. We will learn about giving change, adding and subtracting money as well converting pounds into pence.

Lastly we will end the term looking at time. We will spend a lot of time looking at analogue and digital clocks, understanding a.m. and p.m., hours, minutes and seconds as well as years, months, weeks and days.

Other curriculum areas :

In Science we will be learning about sound. We will be investigating how sound is created, how we hear, how sound travels and how we can look after our hearing.

In History we will be learning about the Ancient Mayans and how they lived. We will also look at the disappearance of the Mayan civilisation.

In Art we will be looking at the artist Andy Warhol and his pop art style where we will be create large sweet wrappers relating to our class book this term. We will be looking at contrasting colours and different medias.

In R.E we will be learning about why there is so much diversity of belief within Christianity.

We will be looking at writing for different audiences in this term of Computing, supporting our English skills and our understanding of topic, audience and purpose.

In PSHE we will be looking at our life. Looking at how we can increase confidence and make positive life choices.

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