

Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Summer Term 2 Newsletter



South America Class
Year 4



Welcome back! I hope you have all had a wonderful half term and celebrations of the Queens Jubilee.

Our P.E session is on a Wednesday and Thursday this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day. Fridays we are still lucky to have forest school. Please remember to dress appropriately or you will not be able to participate.

This term we have our multiplication tables check, beginning on the week of the 13th of June. Please make sure you are practicing regularly on the lead up to this.

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 starting our learning journey about the United States of America.



English Learning Objectives

This half term we will have several books of focus, these being: Hansel and Gretel and The Lost Happy Endings. We will begin writing some **setting descriptions** about a forest that Hansel and Gretel enter. We will be using vocabulary to show transitions from day to night and show suspense in our writing with skills such as rhetorical questions and ellipsis.

Following this we will begin looking at The Lost Happy Endings where we will write our own **end to the story**. After this, we will move onto non-fictional writing where we will be writing a persuasive brochure about the USA.

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

Maths Learning Objectives

We will be finishing off looking at **time** for the beginning of this term. We will be looking at converting time from analogue to digital and minutes past/to the hour.

Following this, we will be moving onto **statistics** where we will be interpreting charts, comparing data in the form of pictograms, bar charts and tables and finally looking at line graphs.

Lastly, we will be ending the term looking at **Geometry**. Firstly we will be looking at **properties of shape**, such as: a variety of angles in shapes, comparing them, looking at lines of symmetry and 2D shapes. Then, we will look at **position and direction of shapes** learning how to move them on a grid and describe their movement and position.

Other curriculum areas :

In **Science** we will be learning about electricity. We will be investigating how what electricity is and how it is used, how to construct a circuit and make products light up and what materials are conductors and insulators.

In **Geography** we will be learning about the USA and what it is like there. We will look at the populations across the country, the significant landmarks and different states compared to others.

In **DT** we will be completing food technology. We will be looking at world foods and where they come from, specifically food from the USA. We will be looking at healthy American snacks and instructions on how to make them.

In **RE** we will be learning about what sacrifice is.

We will be looking at logos and animations in **Computing** this term. We will be using computer skills to be creative and make some artistic logos for brands and animations.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at our health. Looking at how we can look after our bodies in times of change and how to improve our physical and mental health.

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