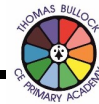




Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy

Spring Term 1 Newsletter



South America Class
Year 4



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing you all a happy new year and here is to another fun-filled year of fabulous learning. I hope you have all had a wonderful and healthy Christmas break 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. Every 3 weeks on a Friday we are still lucky to have forest school. As temperatures vary colder, please remember to dress appropriately or you will not be able to participate. Children still need to wear school uniform on these Fridays but may bring clothing 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 starting a new learning journey all about Rainforests.



English Learning Objectives

This half term we will be looking the wonderful book *The Wonder Garden* where we will be creating some fantastic and informative non-chronological reports. The children will be looking at the features required for this particular writing style as well as partaking in their own research about areas of the rainforest and animals which live in them.

Following this we will begin looking at poetry in the style of Rainforest descriptive poetry. We will look closely at the structures and language features of these text types, specifically focusing on the importance of vocabulary and figurative language, specifically senses and how this can bring our writing to life.

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 Multiplication and Division. We will be focusing closely on all of the times tables, using written methods to multiply and divide as well as multiplying and dividing 2 and 3 digit numbers by 1 digit. We have weekly arithmetic tests to support the children's understanding. As well as this we will be introducing weekly times table tests in preparation for our multiplication check in June.

After this we will be moving onto Fractions where we will be looking at mixed fractions tenths and equivalent fractions. We will then begin counting in fractions, adding and subtracting fractions.

Other curriculum areas :

In Science we will be learning about classification and environments. We will be learning about how we categorise animals based on their characteristics for animals such as vertebrate, invertebrates.

In Geography we will be learning about the Amazon Rainforest. We will begin looking at the human and physical features of South America before looking at tropical rainforests and the structure and life within them.

In Art we will be looking at the artist Henri Rousseau we will be exploring the importance of colour and building on colour, as well as matching it to our everyday surroundings to create an accurate representation of nature.

In R.E we will be learning about how religious groups contribute to society and culture in the local area and beyond. Understanding the concept of compassion and giving.

We will be looking at spreadsheets in this term of Computing, supporting our understanding of formatting and entering numbers into cells.

In PSHE we will be looking at understanding how to manage our own feelings and building on skills for how to express different feelings in different ways.

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