

# 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 where you managed to get some times table practice in.

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. This half term, on Friday's we are lucky to have forest school again.. Please remember to bring any appropriate clothing to change into or you will not be able to participate.

This term we have our multiplication tables check, beginning on the week of the 5th 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.

#### English Learning Objectives

This half term we will have two focus books, these being: Hansel and Gretel and The Lost Happy Endings. We will begin writing setting descriptions about the 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, onomatopoeia and ellipsis.

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

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

#### Maths Learning Objectives

We will start our half term look at time. We will be recapping aspects of a clock, understanding amounts of time in years, months, weeks, days, hours and minutes as well as converting time from analogue to digital in both 24 and 12 hour formats.

Following this, we will begin looking at shape. We will start by understanding angles in turns, identifying them in shapes, comparing and ordering them. After we will look at different shapes such as: triangles, quadrilaterals and polygons before looking at symmetry.

Next, we move onto statistics where we will interpret charts and line graphs before we draw them using our own collected data.

Lastly, we will end our year on position and direction where we will describe positions using coordinates, plot coordinates, draw 2-D shapes on a grid, translate on a grid and describe translations on a grid.

#### 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.



#### 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 this half term, 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 before making and tasting ourselves.

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 household and everyday 'drugs' and medication and how to be safe. In RSHE we will be looking at our body and puberty.

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

In French we will be looking at cities and directions.