



South America Class
Year 4

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

Our P.E sessions are on a Thursday and Friday this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day. Please make sure your child has the correct footwear.

We are getting closer to our multiplication tables check in June. Please can you ensure regularly that your child is taking time to practice regularly at home.

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 at the wonderful book *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*.

We will be looking at writing a fantasy narrative in the style of Alice in Wonderland's first chapter—"Down the rabbit hole." The children will be looking at lots of different features to make their writing come to life through descriptions of settings and characters using skills such as personification, inverted commas, reporting clauses as well as extending their sentences with relative clauses.

Reading Stars will continue each morning to develop the children's reading and comprehension skills. In class, we designate time for reading for pleasure everyday.

Maths Learning Objectives

This half term in maths we will have a time s table test each Friday, each week your child will be given a times table to learn and focus on.

We will start the half term by continuing our unit on fractions where we will be adding fractions as improper fractions and mixed numbers, as well as subtracting two fractions, subtracting from whole amounts and from mixed numbers.

As the half term continues we will move onto developing our knowledge of **decimals** by looking at: tenths, dividing 1 and 2 digits by 10, hundredths and dividing 2 and 1 digit by 100.

Lastly, we will round off the half term by looking at **length and perimeter** where we will measure in KM and M, find perimeters of rectangles, polygons and regular polygons as well as calculating missing lengths.

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 impact of deforestation and the rivers within the Amazon. We will also be having a debate about deforestation using balanced argument techniques.

In DT we will be looking at Native American headdresses. We will be researching the symbolic nature of headdress' and the historical aspects to help us design these pieces using a mixed range of skills such as sewing and joining elements together.

In RE we will continue looking at the importance of Christian support locally, nationally and globally; comparing this religion to others and different contributions and compassionate acts that take place.

We will be looking at creating media in the form of audio production in Computing, this half term. We will be looking at digital recording and recording sounds before we create our own podcast.

In **PSHE/RSE** we will be looking at our relationships and how we communicate with people as well as gaining an understanding of money and how to be safe with it.

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