Thomas Bullock CE Primary Academy
Autumn Term 2 Newsletter 2025

South America Class
Year 4

A Warm Welcome Back

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term break with your families, the countdown is now on for Christmas.

We have started a sticker chart in our classroom for reading and home where if they children read everyday at home they can earn a gold token at the end of the week. To support their fluency and exposure to a variety of books, please read as much as possible with your children.

As it is getting chillier, please remember coats and jumpers to keep us nice and toasty at break times.

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.

Spelling tests will continue to be each Monday and homework books due each Friday. This half term, as well as our arithmetic quizzes in class, weekly times tables tests will begin to support the children for their upcoming multiplication check in the summer. This will be each Friday. Times table practice books will be sent home to support their learning and understanding.

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 continuing to taking a learning journey about the Romans. This terms focus is Roman Britain.

English Learning Objectives

This half term we will be looking at the wonderful book, 'Alice's Adventures in Wonderland'.
We will be writing a fantasy narrative in the style of Alice in Wonderlands 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 expanded noun phrases, personification, inverted commas and fronted adverbials as well as extending our sentences with multi clauses.

We will then move on to create a witness report based on the events of Alice falling down the rabbit hole to report on these events. The children will look closely at tenses, time adverbials, precise expanded noun phrases as well as extending their sentences with subordinate clauses and subordinating conjunctions.

Finally, we will be enjoying a Christmas themed week of learning on our last week of term. We will look at the magical aspects in Christmas stories as well as composing some Christmas themed songs and poems.

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 looking at area. This is a new concept for the children in Year 4 and links closely to their understanding of shape. We will be looking at what area is, how to find area in 2D shapes as well as comparing areas.

We will then move onto Multiplication and Division. We will be looking at multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100, as well as multiplication and division facts for the 3,6,9 and 7 times tables. We will also be practising our times tables daily.

Other curriculum areas :

In **Science** we will be learning about states of matter. We will be finding out about the processes of freezing and melting, evaporation and condensation.

In **History** we will be learning about Roman Britain and the different people / places which contributed to the life of Roman Britain. We will be looking at the Roman roads, Gods and how some of our language is made from Roman origin.

In **Art** we will be looking at the skills and works of Mosaic artist Antoni Gaudi. The children will look at the way mosaics are constructed and focus on patterns inspired by nature before creating their own final piece.

In **R.E** we will be learning about what we mean by the word 'truth' and whether seeing is believing.

We will be looking at recording audio in this term of **Computing,** learning how to record and edit audio in order to create our own podcasts.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at respecting differences and similarities and discussing difference sensitively. In **RSHE** we will be looking at understanding our feelings.

In **French** we will move on to start learning how to talk about our families

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