Thomas Bullock C of E Primary & Nursery Academy
Spring Term 1 Newsletter - 2026

South America Class
Year 4

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wishing you all a happy new year and here's 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 **Wednesday** this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.
Forest School will start this Term on **Thursdays**, please make sure children have appropriate clothing and wellies for this day.
Please make sure that your children have appropriate clothing for our persistent cold weather. This includes a coat, jumper and wellingtons for break and lunch times.
Spelling tests will take place on Mondays and homework books will be due in each Friday along with times table practice tests.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions or 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 be creating 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 out multiplication check in June.

After this, we will be moving onto fractions where we will be looking at mixed fraction tenths and equivalent fractions. We will then begin counting in fractions and 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 and 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, William Morris. We will be exploring the skill of printing with ideas inspired by nature. We will look at materials that suit appropriate printing as well as creating our own printing blocks.

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.

In MFL we will be looking at habitats which links wonderfully with our science and geography units.

We will be looking at programming in this term of **Computing**, supporting our understanding of how to make things work in computer systems.

In PSHE we will be looking at our understanding of community as well as looking at how our data is used and shared. In RSE we will be exploring our rights and responsibilities and what this means to us.

Music will be led by our wonderful music hub and P.E by myself.