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 finding time to get some times-table practice in!

Our P.E sessions are on **Tuesday and Thursday** this half term. Please send your child to school in their P.E kit on this day.

This term, we have our multiplication tables check the week beginning the 3rd of June - Times-Table club will remain running until our last session on Wednesday 3rd of June.
Please make sure you are practicing regularly.

We also have sports day on **Monday 22nd June** and The Royal Norfolk Show on **Wednesday 24th** and **Thursday 25th of June**. It is our last half term together in Year 4 and we will preparing for our transitions ahead of September.

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 our learning journey about the United States of America.

English Learning Objectives

This half term we will have two books to focus on, '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. We will then move on to write a story ending linked to the book, 'The Lost Happy Endings', where we will be focusing on securing multi-clause sentences and sentences for effect. Finally, 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 finishing off our unit on **money** where we will calculate and solve problems.
We will then move on to the topic of **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.
Finally, 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.

Other Curriculum Areas

In **Science**, we will be learning about **electricity**. We will be investigating what electricity is and how it is used, how to construct a circuit and make products light up and what materials, conductors and insulators are.

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 seasonality and culture, specifically food from the USA linking to this half term's topic. We will be preparing, making and tasting corn bread.

In **R.E** we will be learning about what **sacrifice** is.

We will be looking at logos and animations in **Computing**, this half term. We will be using our previous programming skills to create and edit computer games.

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 how we can describe the weather - du soleil, s'il vous plait!