

YEAR 6 TOPIC WEB TERMS 3 & 4: Amazing Americas

Reading

Our main text will be 'Journey to the River Sea'
A real classic that tells a story with powerful imagery.
We will also focus on SATs style questions and how to answer these in greater depth.
Reading for pleasure and reading stamina will also remain a key feature of our reading sessions.

Writing

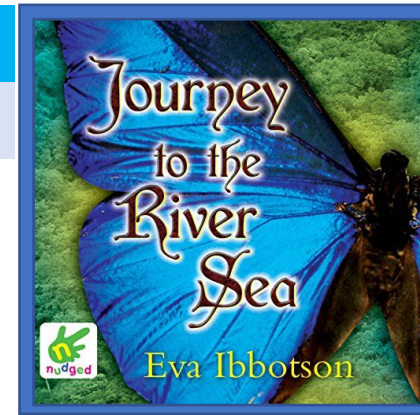
During Terms 3 and 4 we will continue to explore writing in a range of genre. These will include: Information texts, instructions, descriptive writing and a 'Jaws and Claws' recount.
Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also remain a main focus within all of our writing.

Mathematics

The majority of our maths teaching is taught separately from our Learning Journey .
Our main focus will be fractions, decimals, percentages in addition to Position and direction.
Maths homework will continue to be set on 'My Maths' each week.

Science

We will be studying:
* Evolution and Adaptation.
*Classification , including micro-organisms
* Plants and animals.
As in all science work, we aim to encourage the children to question, formulate ideas and test them in practical work throughout the topic.



History

In History, we learn about a South American early civilization 'The Mayans' which provides a contrast to British History.
We will look at how they developed the astronomy calendar and writing systems as well as building elaborate pyramids and observatories.

Geography

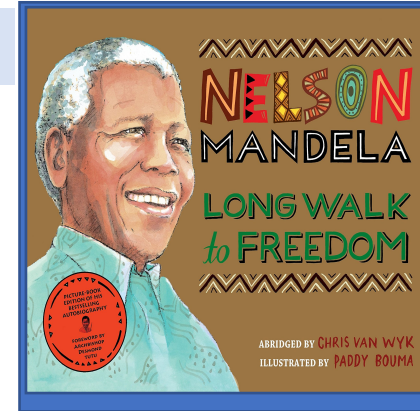
We will learn how different 'The Americas' are to where we live. We will use maps, atlases and IT resources to locate countries and cities of both North and South America. We will also learn about biomes (regions of the World with similar climates, animals and plants) and vegetation belts. The incredible Amazon River will also be a focus, including the natural resources found here.

Art & DT

In art, we look closely at carnival masks and their history in South America. We also look at the artist Georgia Okeefe and produce our own artwork in a similar style.
In DT we will collect and explore patterns in South American culture and then use these patterns and shapes to design our own carnival masks and headdresses.

PE

During Terms 3 and 4 the children will continue to learn the skills needed to take part in competitive games such as tag rugby, bench ball and basketball. We will also be focusing on team building skills.
PE lessons take place on a Thursday and Friday so don't forget to wear your PE kit to school on these days.



MFL

We are very excited to have a new Scheme of Work for French
The children will become experts at talking about clothing and their likes and dislikes. The children also learn about the history of The Arc de Triomphe as well as looking at the city of Paris.

PSHE and Computing

Topics in PSHE this term are based around a whole school topic 'Dreams and Goals'.
We shall also continue to look at Black History as well as keeping ourselves safe online

RE

In RE we will focus on 'Christianity' and philosophical thinking, including the question:
Is anything ever eternal?

Music

We shall continue with our fantastic weekly 'Samba' drumming sessions. The children will learn rhythms, explore timbre and texture and create their own compositions.
We hope to be able to share a performance with you later in the term. More details to follow.

KEY TEXTS WE READ:

Journey to the River Sea

Long Walk to Freedom

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