

YEAR 6 KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER 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

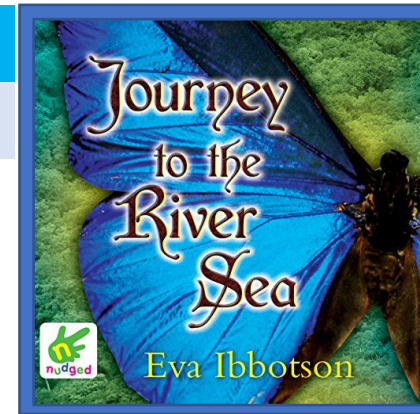
During Terms 3 and 4, we will continue to explore writing in a range of genres. These will include: information texts, narratives, descriptive writing and report writing. Spelling, grammar and handwriting will also remain a main focus within all of our writing.

Mathematics

Our main focus will be fractions, decimals and percentages in addition to position and direction. Maths homework will continue to be set from the Collins Revision books each week. Please do support your child to complete these to consolidate what they learn in the classroom.

Science

We aim to encourage the children to question, formulate ideas and test them in practical work throughout the topic. We will be studying:
Evolution and Adaptation
Classification - this will include:
Microorganisms
Plants and animals



History

In history, we will learn about a South American early civilization 'The Mayans'. This 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 as well as observatories. We will look at Christopher Columbus and discuss the very different perspectives surrounding him - was he a hero or a villain?

Geography

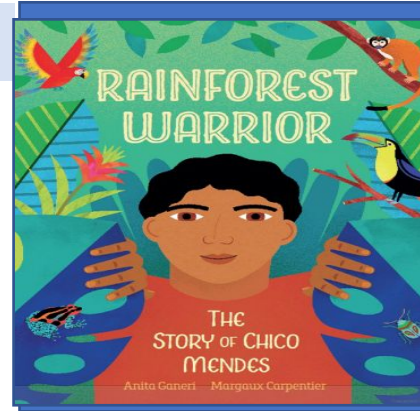
We will learn how different 'The Americas' are to where we live. We will use maps, atlases and IT resources to locate countries and cities of both North and South America. We will also learn about biomes (regions of the world with similar climates, animals and plants) and vegetation belts. The incredible 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 O'Keeffe 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. We will apply our cooking skills in DT when we will make a delicious South American dish.

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 school PE kit on these days.



MFL

The children will become experts at talking about rooms in a home and their likes and dislikes using the French language. The children also learn about the history of The Arc de Triomphe as well as looking at the city of Paris. Can you listen to our French story online? [Storytime Corner Link](#)

PSHE and Computing

Topics in PSHE this term are based around a whole school topic 'Dreams and Goals'. We will also continue to look at black history as well as keeping ourselves safe online, particularly focusing on the question, how does screen time affect my mental health?

RE

In RE we will focus on 'Christianity' and philosophical thinking, including the question: Is anything ever eternal? The children will be encouraged to develop their own views through healthy debates.

Music

We will continue with our fantastic weekly 'Samba' drumming sessions. The children will learn rhythms, explore timbre and texture and create their own compositions. We plan on sharing our drumming performance with you soon. More details to follow.

Creative Project Ideas

1. Host a Mexican themed evening for your family
2. Design a new flag for a country from the Americas
3. Write an adventure story based in the Americas
4. Make a 3D model of a section of the Amazon
5. Learn some key phrases in Spanish

6 YEAR

KEY TEXTS WE READ:

Journey to
the River Sea
by Eva
Ibbotson

Rainforest
Warrior by
Anita Ganeri