



Our theme this term is 'What is life like in Central America?'

Spring term - 4SR

Welcome back! I hope you have all enjoyed the holidays. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about the topics your children will be studying during this exciting half term.

Spellings/Homework

Spellings will be handed out every Monday. A spelling test will be carried out the following Monday. Homework will also be set on a Monday.

Home Reading

Children will be given their reading books to take home on a daily basis. They should be encouraged to read a few pages every night as regular reading at home makes a real difference to a child's progress. If you could ask your child a few questions after they have finished reading this helps with their understanding of the book. Children are encouraged to read a variety of book genres as well as their school book.

PE –

Lessons will take place on a Monday and Tuesday afternoon. Please make sure your child follows the school PE policy, including outdoor kit, as whenever possible lessons will take place outside.

Literacy

Our main areas of study will be:

- Poetry
- Narrative writing
- Stories from other cultures
- Persuasive writing

Our written work will be based around our theme of Central America as well as the book *Alice in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

Numeracy

Our main areas of study will be:

- 2 step problems using 4 operations
- Telling the time using analogue and digital clocks
- Plotting co-ordinates
- Rounding to the nearest 10, 100, 1000

Your child will benefit greatly from practising the times tables up to 12. We have introduced Times Table Rockstars which will enable your child to increase their times table recall. We will continue testing the children on a Monday.

Science

In Science our topic will be 'states of matter' where we will investigate our own testable questions that will enable the children to understand how materials change when the temperature changes. We will be presenting our findings in a range of different ways, including by using graphs. We will also explore the water cycle and how it works.

RE / PSHCE

In RE we will be focusing on 'Who is Jesus?'. We will use the Bible and the timeline of Jesus' life to support our learning. Our PSCHCE lessons will focus on 'Celebrating Differences'.

Geography

In Geography lessons we will be locating Central America on the world map. We will learn about the people who live in this part of the world, their culture, what they grow and how we benefit from their exports.

Art / DT

Art and DT will relate to Central America. We will be designing and creating our own carnival headdresses, which we will showcase in a celebration.

ICT / MFL

In ICT we will be learning how to code, enabling the children to create their own algorithms using Scratch. They will be able to create their own times tables game. We will continue using Times Table Rockstars.

Children will continue learning French taught by our visiting French teacher.

Music/PE

In music we will be listening to, appraising and performing a variety of songs. In PE, we will be taking part in rugby lessons, focusing on developing our team game skills.

Lastly...

If you have any queries or concerns, please feel free to contact either myself or Mrs Eden.