



Amazing Americas



MATHEMATICS

We will continue to look at the following areas while working in our maths groups.
Place value, addition and subtraction facts, weight, handling data, shape, time, multiplication and division, finding fractions of shapes and ordering fractions.

LITERACY

We will be exploring a wide range of poetry and the children will be writing their own linking to the Americas. They will also be writing a diary entry based upon a journey around America. We will be using "Talk for Writing" to learn "The Tin Forest" and write our own version.
Also, the children will have the opportunity to have debates and develop persuasive arguments.

GEOGRAPHY

Children will identify the continents of North and South America on a map. They will then 'journey across the USA' learning about significant human and physical geographical features along the way. We will also look at major cities and physical features comparing these to what we have in the UK. We will then identify countries of Central America and discuss what they are known for before looking at rainforests and deforestation. Here we will focus upon where rainforests occur in the world, we will look at the layers of the rainforest and discuss why the world's rainforests are threatened. Thinking about how this may affect us and what we can do to help.

SCIENCE

This term we will be investigating animals and living things. Exploring what makes humans and animals have a healthy diet and lifestyle. Looking at the digestive system, teeth and their functions.
Children will identify and group living things in the local and wider environment of America. Thinking about how these environments have changed and the impact on the living things within it.

ART

We will explore the work of the artist Andy Warhol and produce our own pop art, featuring icons of the Americas.
We will also look at Native American art.

ICT

The children will use programs to edit and create music.

PE

This term we will be doing hockey and basketball and developing the skills involved as well as the tactics needed to play small sided games.
We will also be continuing with gymnastics and creating our own dance phrases.
Swimming also continues for Italy class. Swimming will begin towards the end of this term for USA and Spain Class.

TECHNOLOGY

The children will be looking at Aztec patterns and designing their own patterns to go onto a tunic. They will plan a step by step guide to making their tunics and will use various sewing and stitching techniques to sew hems on and embroider them.

RE/PSHE

Could Jesus really heal people? Were these miracles or is there some other explanation?
To explore this we will be looking at the Bible stories and evaluating what Christians believed happened. Also, the children will be looking at the key events of Easter and what Jesus' crucifixion symbolises.
In PSHE the children will debate ideas linked to deforestation. They will discuss the slave trade and the American Civil War.