

Year 6 - Autumn 1

Why is South America such a diverse continent?

English

This term we will be reading and studying the novel *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. The story is based in the Amazon Rainforest and follows the adventures a group of children go on: a story of exploration and survival. From this, there will be many writing opportunities such as descriptive writing, narrative pieces, and non-fiction fact files. We will also explore a poetry unit focusing on poetic techniques and use of language.

Maths

Our focus for half this term will be securing place value up to 10 000 000 and embedding the four operations. Our focus is to develop the children's arithmetic and fluency skills, we will also be working on their problem solving and reasoning around these maths concepts.

PSHE

Our PSHE topic this half term is My Caring School and Growing Up.

Science

In Science we will be looking at Living Things and their Habitats. Using the rainforest as our stimulus, we will explore animals which live in this environment and classify them according to characteristics. We will also look at how animals and plants adapt to suit their environment.

RE

Our RE topic this term is around beliefs and actions in the world.

Geography

This term we will be learning about South America. We will be developing our map skills and learning about the human and physical geographical aspects of South America. We will also look at trade links, the rainforest and sustainability.

Art

In art we will focus on sketching skills and developing our understanding of using negative space and scaling to transform 2D artwork into 3D form.

Computing

In Computing, this half term we will focus on the Computer Science strand which develops the children's coding skills.

Music

Our unit this half term is titled 'How does music connect us with our past?' where the children will be appreciating, singing and playing soul music.

PE

PE days for Year 6: Monday and Wednesday.

