

### English

Our book study in the first half-term is linked to our South American topic.

The children will continue to develop their comprehension & inference skills.

A large part of our reading and writing work is linked to our topic for this term - South America - including:

- Explanations
- Persuasive writing
- Diary entries
- Descriptive writing

Of course, SPAG remains a major focus: spelling, punctuation and grammar, looking at word roots, spelling rules & advanced grammar, e.g. determiners, prepositions, the passive voice, adverbial phrases, synonyms, antonyms, tenses and types of conjunction.

### Mathematics

Children will be extending skills learnt during the Autumn term. Arithmetic will focus on the 4 key operations and written methods, including:

- More formal methods of multiplication and division

Problem solving skills will be consolidated and include:

- Recognising multi-step questions
- Estimation
- Trial and improvement

Children will then utilise their learning within topics including:

- Formulae for finding area and perimeter of shapes
- Graphing within all 4 quadrants
- Measurement
- Decimals, percentages
- Everyday problems which deepen their understanding

### Creative Curriculum

- Our topic is on South America and will influence our learning through:

Classification—focusing on South American species

Evolution—looking at Darwin and his work in the Galapagos Islands

- **Geography:**

Countries which form part of South America; resources of the continent

- **Music:**

Linked to topics—singing and composing.

- **PE:**

Salsa dance; kicking and implementing and synchronisation and cannon in gym

- **Art & Design:**

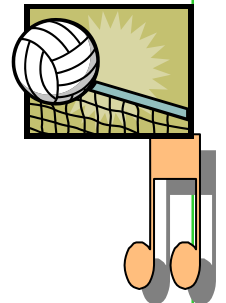
Looking at South American artists and food

- **History:**

Key events in South and Central American history (Mayans).

- **RE:**

Cathedrals & Easter in Art



### Thinking and Learning Skills

Basic Understanding: Organising gathered information, forming concepts, linking ideas together.

Productive Thinking: Using information and understanding, creating, deciding, analysing, evaluating.

