

French:

We will focus our unit on learning a l'école (at school.) This will review key concepts such as telling the time, school subjects as well as introducing some new topic-based language.

P.E:

Gymnastics: Children will develop their gymnastics skills including balance, coordination, flexibility and body symmetry.

Basketball: Children will develop their understanding of key skills in basketball and apply them to games. Teamwork will be highlighted.

Geography:

Children will learn about countries within South America including capital cities. Features such as rivers, and the rainforest will also be researched.

Computing:

We will be understanding the importance of internet and online safety.

Music:

We will be focusing on features of "From Major to Minor" this half term. We will introduced to the concepts of major and minor tonality and how this affects the mood and character of music.



South America



Children will spend this half term learning about South America. They will learn about the environmental regions of the continent as well as some natural features including rivers, landforms and the rainforest. We will focus our learning around not only physical geography, but also human geographical features within the countries. With independent and focused class time, we will delve into the differences between countries within South America and then compare these unique features to areas in the UK.

**PSHE:**

Myself and My Relationships - Friends and Family: We will understand the characteristics of healthy friendships on and offline, the feelings of trust within these and communication necessary to support each other.

**R.E:**

We will begin to think about the resurrection and if that should change how Christians view death.

Maths:

We will begin by practising our understanding of area and perimeter as well as quadrants and grids. We will complete the geometry unit before we begin our focus on fractions and decimals. We will use calculation and reasoning problems to demonstrate application of skills to better understand how it relates to our previous learning.

English:

During this half term we will be exploring the text; 'Origin of the Species'. Children will write their own explanation text based on Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Our writing will be shared and presented to the children in Year 2. The punctuation and grammar focus will include synonyms, antonyms, modal adverbs, colons for lists and bullet points. We will also focus on layout features such as headings and subheadings.

We will also be writing our own short stories based on the 'Just so' collection of stories. Children will have the opportunity to write their own short story on how an animal of their choice gained their unique feature. The punctuation and grammar focus for this unit will include: compound adjectives, subjunctive form, possessive apostrophes, hyphens and commas for clarity.

Science:

Evolution and Inheritance - We will focus on Darwin and Wallace as the scientists who first suggested the theory of evolution. We will explore the idea of natural selection, evolution of animals and fossils. We will also perform our own adaptation investigation, with a focus on beak changes, and reasons for these as related to their environment.