

Class 5 - Year 5

Spring term Newsletter - NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA

Dear Parents/carers,

Happy New Year to you all! The children are all back working hard and into the swing of the Spring term. This term Key Stage 2 will be focusing on a geography topic - North America and South America and thinking about how these continents and countries compare to the UK and Bridgwater. The topic tree on the back explains in further detail what we will be focussing on.

This topic gives the children a good opportunity to explore many different art and design techniques. They will replicate crafts that are made in certain countries such as, pan pipes, rainmakers. (Any long-ish **cardboard tubes** would be greatly received.) In addition, we are aiming to make as many dream catchers as possible! If you have **any wool or thread, beads, feathers or kits (such as friendship bracelet kits which haven't been used)** I am sure we can put these to go use. We are aiming to start this next week - so anything **in by Monday** would be brilliant! **Thank you.**

Science, French and PE will continue as per last term, PE being on a Monday and Friday with our new teacher Mr Weeks. Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit in school.

During the morning sessions, Year 5 will aim to learn poetry off by heart with added expression and techniques used in performance. They will focus on the Native American poem Hiawatha. The children will write a range of non-fiction texts linked to the topic. Factual reports on Mexico, persuasive travel brochures on St Lucia and legends and stories that are associated with North America.

In Maths Year 5 will be focusing on fractions, decimals and percentages. They will gain a further understanding of statistics and how to handle data and also looking at data linked to climate within North and South America, finding differences and looking at negative numbers.

Thanks for your support with the homework - we really appreciate you taking time and encouraging your child to present their work neatly and accurately, especially when writing new spellings that have been learnt. **Vocabulary** is a key focus this year and we are aiming to **learn a vast amount of new words and their definitions** in all subjects. Support at home to develop language and use new words would be great! (More about this in the run up to parents' evening.) TT Rockstars continues to be extremely beneficial - encouragement to use this at home would be great. All Year 4 and 5 children are expected to be able to recall their tables and division facts up to 12 x 12.

Please do come and ask myself or Miss Tucker if you have any queries concerning your child, we are more than happy to speak to you at a mutually convenient time.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Warren and Miss Tucker