

## CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Canterbury: Year 3 Summer Term 2017  
'Amazing Americas'

### Literacy

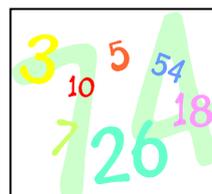
- **Narrative:** We will be using a well-known story by Roald Dahl to carry out character studies and as inspiration for our own writing. In addition, we will read a version of the Hero Twins, a Maya Legend and we will use this as a model to write our own versions.
- **Poetry:** Using water as our inspiration we will be looking at and performing poems related to our topic.
- **Newspaper reports:** We will write our own newspaper reports linked to our topic.



In addition, targeted spelling groups will take place four times a week along with regular handwriting sessions.

### Numeracy

- Position Movement and Angles
- Shape and Symmetry
- Measures
- Fractions
- Statistics (Data Handling)



### Topic (History, Geography, Science)

During the topic, we will incorporate **geographical** skills by finding out about the continents of North and South America and the countries that form them. We will look in detail at the landscape, climate and the locations of each area. The natural phenomena such as volcanoes and earthquakes will be investigated and how they affect people and the environment.



After half term, we will learn about the differences between solids, liquids and gases exploring how water changes state. We will go on to explore the water cycle looking specifically at the **scientific** processes of evaporation and

condensation.

The Maya Civilisation will form the basis of our **History** learning this term. We will explore where and when the Maya lived, how their society was organised, their Gods and beliefs and their different forms of communication.



### Computing

Where appropriate, we will use ICT to support other aspects of the curriculum. This term, we will be learning about databases and using software to create our own class database. We will also continue to develop our coding skills and focus on how to stay safe and show respect online.



### Art/DT



Dreamcatchers will be our Art focus for this half term. We will research, design and create our own dreamcatchers incorporating the skills of weaving, collage and using textiles. In Design and technology, our main focus will be looking at food. We will link this to our study of America by designing and preparing our own Mexican dish.

### Music

In Music, we will explore the pentatonic scale, and will use a picture stimulus to support group compositions. We will look at ways of creating a 'score' to support this composition.



### Physical Education (PE)



P.E. will continue to be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons. Thank you for ensuring that your child has the correct P.E. kit in school on those days. This term, we will be looking at striking and fielding games such as Cricket and Rounders as well as Athletics and Orienteering.

### Religious Education (RE)

Our theme for R.E. this term is 'Hindu beliefs and lifestyle'. We will learn about how Hindu worship takes place in the home and at the temple, and find out about Hindu festivals and ceremonies.



### Personal Social & Health Education (PSHE)



Our topic for the first half term will be Relationships, and will focus particularly on friendship skills. In the second half of the term, the theme will be Changes, helping us to prepare for the transition to Year 4.

### French

In French, we will carry out units of work learning different vocabulary around the classroom and also learn about a village in France.

