

Willow Class
Term 3 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

In term 3, Willow class are learning about America in our topic called 'Viva America!' We will be looking at both North and South America in turn in literacy. We will be looking at the Geography of the Americas as well as some American history. In music, we will look to use the percussion instruments to create pieces of music. In art we will be looking at perspective drawing.

Home Learning - Please bring in your projects throughout term 3!

Projects on current news - politics, weather, sport - electronic or written; write a newspaper about the current news; art pieces.

Reading	Please read with your child regularly, even if it is just one page. Their books and reading records need to be in everyday for 1:1 reading. You may like to add a positive or helpful comment in the reading diary but please acknowledge the fact that the book has been read by signing and dating in the comments book. Your child will be working towards a reward in class for reading 3 times a week.
Spellings	We will be sending home weekly spelling investigations. They will bring home activities to complete linked to the pattern that they are learning. The homework will be sent out on a Friday and due in the following Friday. This learning will be followed up during literacy lesson and through discrete spelling sessions.
Mathematics	Maths homework will be sent out on a Friday and will be due in the following Friday. This should be completed in the children's Maths Homework book.
Grammar and Punctuation	Grammar and Punctuation practice will be sent home on a fortnightly basis (also on a Friday) children will have 2 weeks to complete this task.

Helping to enrich our topics

If anyone has any experience or items that may help us with any of the work above that we could hear about or borrow, they would be gratefully received. If there are any artefacts from North and South America that the children can bring in from home, they are welcome to share them.

Reminders - Please can you make sure your child brings in a water bottle each day with fresh water.

PE - Our PE lesson is on a **Thursday**, it is essential that children have their PE kits in school on these days.

Thank you for your continued support.

Forest School - is on Wednesdays, please make sure kit is in this term.

Miss Axell

Useful websites during this topic:

- <http://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/south-america-facts.html>
- <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/unitedstates.html>
- <http://www.ducksters.com/geography/southamerica.php>
- <http://www.ducksters.com/geography/northamerica.php>

Viva America!

Our Learning Map

Literacy



Poetry



Washington
Leaflet



Non fiction
reports



Persuasive writing



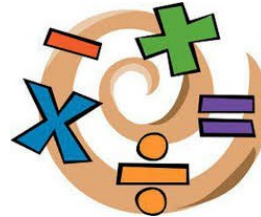
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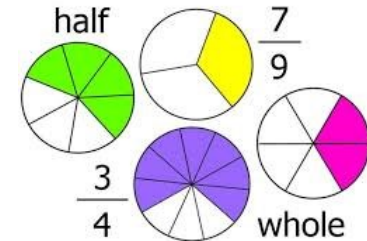
Measure



Calculation



Fractions



ICT



Programming



Creating things!



PSHE



Right and Wrong



Science

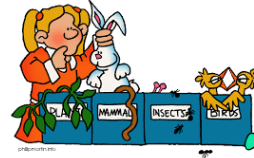


Humans and Living things

Living things



Classification

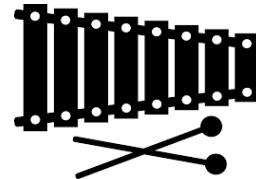


Environment



Music

Percussion instruments



Geography

Map work



Different environments!



Questions you can ask your children this term

Can you name all the countries in South America?
How many states can you name in the US?
What different terrains are there? And what animals live in them?
How do animals adapt to different environments?