

# North and South America

## English:

In the first-week upon returning to school, the class will be tasked with planning and writing a thrilling ghost story; inspired by our class reading book *The Haunting of Aveline Jones*. Then, following finishing *The Witches*, the class will begin to study *Kensuke's Kingdom* by Michael Morpurgo. During this unit, learning focus upon the following writing objectives: creating a balanced argument, haiku and tanka poetry, writing an informal letter as Michael and creating a newspaper report.

## Science:

In Science, the class will build on their understanding of the properties of materials by: designing experiments to test the properties of materials to the classify said materials, investigating the impacts of dissolving and creation of a solution, use several processes to separate mixtures and identify chemical and physical reactions' impact of reversible and irreversible changes.

## Computing:

Year 5 will continue to learn about the importance of e-safety and how best to protect themselves online. Then, learning will focus on developing the class's word processing skills, specifically using Microsoft Publisher, culminating in the creation of a poster to promote an event.

## Art and DT:

During Remembrance Week the class will reflect on the sacrifices made by veterans in conflict before creating a 3D Poppy and use watercolours to create a WW1-inspired silhouette image. Following this, the class will learn study some of the most famous artists from North and South America including Frida Kahlo.

## R.E. and PSHE:

In R.E. lessons, Year 5 will recap the Christmas Story and then investigate the truth of the Story by: investigating varying depictions of the Nativity scene, appreciating how varying accounts can be given of the same event and comparing and contrasting accounts from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. In PSHE the class will engage with the 'Celebrating Difference' unit in which they will address: cultural differences and how they can spark conflict, racism and bullying.

## Mathematics:

In mathematics, the class will first engage in a unit focused on statistics, in which they will: recap on their prior knowledge of bar charts, pictograms and tables before learning about line graphs, two-way tables and how to effectively read timetables. Then, learning will focus on multiplication and division by addressing multiples, factors, square, prime and cube numbers before multiplying and dividing by orders of ten. Finally, teaching will focus on calculating the area and perimeter of compound shapes.

## Music:

In Music lessons, the class will learn, and practice, the relevant songs for our upcoming Christmas performance before analysing some famous Christmas hits and learning to play simple covers of said songs using a xylophone.

## Topic:

In Topic, the class will first learn about the countries and capital cities that make up North and South America before comparing and contrasting different regions. Next, the children will learn about the Koppen system for weather classification and use it to compare and contrast various biomes in the Americas. To end the topic, the class will research, and promote, their own 'Dream Trip' around the continents of North and South America; using ICT to create promotional material for it.

## Spanish:

The class will receive expert tuition from Mrs Suttle.

## P.E.:

In P.E. lessons the class will work with Sophie from All Star Dance Productions in which they will develop key co-ordination and timing skills as well as use their creativity to create sequences in a festive dance routine.

