

Orca Class

#### KEY INFORMATION

Class Teacher: Mrs Kelly Supported by Mrs Cassidy

Monday: PE Wednesday: Swimming Friday: Forest School

Please ensure your child has a



water bottle and coat in school. Especially as we go into the autumn term and the weather cools.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me via the school office

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## TOPIC

Our topic this term is 'The Americas'. A fascinating topic, where children will first find out about the continents of North and South America, and the countries that form them. They will also look in more detail at some of the contrasting regions of the Americas, finding out about the landscape, climate and locations of each area. Children will also develop their map and atlas skills and practise reading and writing coordinates. They will learn about the ancient and new wonders of the world, specifically those of the Americas. We will also explore the fascinating histories of some of these countries and how past events have shaped how they are today.

# MATHS

In Maths, the children will be developing their skills in Number and Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication and Division and Fractions. Orca Class will be continuing to develop their knowledge of times tables, applying this to work in class and developing their fluency, reasoning and problem solving.

## ENGLISH

Reading is so important and all children will read daily in school, whether that is for pleasure, as a calm start to the school day or as part of a guided reading group. In guided reading the children will be exploring a range of different text types. We will be using short extracts from texts to focus on specific skills for reading and understanding.

This half term we will be using our topic of 'The Americas' as a basis for our learning in literacy. We will explore both fiction and non fiction text types learning to write for a specific purpose as well as developing our creative writing skills.

## Home Learning

It is so important for your child to know their timetables to help support their learning in class; We will be setting weekly times tables and spellings to learn for a weekly test every Friday.

There is an expectation for your child to be reading a minimum of four times per week. This is to help with their progress in reading. We check their reading records every Monday and Friday. As they are now in year 5 and 6, and may not need as much support in reading, they can sign their own reading records.