



This Half Term in Kestrels

SOUTH AMERICA!

This term, our topic is “**South America!**” and we will be exploring the continent’s diverse geographical features, including its landscapes, climates, and natural environments. As part of our learning, we will be identifying both physical characteristics, such as mountains and rivers, and human characteristics, including cities and land use. We will also be developing our map skills by using atlases and digital maps to locate countries and key features across the continent.



WHAT WILL BE LEARNED:

Maths	This half term in Maths, we will be learning to add and subtract decimals. We will also be learning to multiply and divide by 10, 100 and 1,000. On a Friday, the Kestrels will be continuing their Space, shape and measure learning. They will be looking at statistics and position and direction this half term.
English	This half term, our learning is going to continue being centred around the novel <i>Wolf Brother</i> by Michelle Paver. Lots of our writing will link to the story, we will be writing a persuasive brochure, a newspaper report/ podcast and an investigative report. We will also use the book for our whole-class guided reading lessons. Alongside this, we will also have weekly spelling and grammar lessons, giving children the chance to practise and apply these skills in their own writing.
Science	We will be learning about living things and their classification.
Geography History (not taught this half term)	This half term, we will be developing our understanding of both human and physical geography by comparing the UK with a region of South America. We will explore key features such as climate, landscapes, settlements, and land use, helping them to identify similarities and differences between these locations. The children will also build their place knowledge by locating countries and regions using maps and atlases, while developing important geographical skills and fieldwork techniques. This will include interpreting maps, using compass directions, and collecting and analysing simple data.
Art D.T (taught next half term)	In Art, we will be doing an artist study inspired by artwork of the South America rainforest. We will also be drawing rainforest animals using different media and re-creating the rainforest in a shoe box.
PE	Invasion games, fitness, athletics
French	Oracy and Vocabulary to build up French dialect.
Computing	This half term our computing unit is ‘icrypto’. We will explore different types of coding used historically and in modern times.
PSHE/No outsiders RSE	PSHE– Yasmine and Tom (Health). In R.E we will be studying Christianity and exploring the question ‘What is the great significance of the Eucharist for Christians?’
Music	This term, we will be looking at American songs

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please remember to label all your child’s clothing and tie with their name.
- Ensure your child’s PK kit is in school and is weather appropriate for lessons outside.
- Please do not send your child into school wearing jewellery. Small stud earrings can be worn but must be removed for PE.
- Don’t forget to send your child into school **everyday with a water bottle, their homework diaries, reading book and a coat.**

USEFUL WEBSITES

- <https://satscompanion.com/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)
- <https://spellingframe.co.uk/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)
- <https://trockstars.com/> (login details are in the back of your Kestrels homework diary)

DATES TO REMEMBER

- PE will be on a Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
- Library day is a Wednesday
- Week commencing 18th May– Employability Week
- Tuesday 19th May 3.30-4pm Look and Share
- Wednesday 20th May 8.30-9am Look and Share

CONTACT US AT:

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